

CENTENIAL HISTORY OF OAKLAND LODGE No. 188

1868 to 1968



THE LODGE

*Thou to whom we nothing give
That comes not back again;
Mother in whose life we live
The lives of better men,
Raised from ignorance are we
To live a richer life in thee.*

—JAMES HENRY MACLAFFERTY, P.M.



OLD TEMPLE AS IT APPEARED IN 1881



OLD TEMPLE WITH ITS FACE LIFTED IN 1933

OFFICERS OF OAKLAND LODGE No. 188, F.&A.M.
FOR NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT



OFFICERS OF OAKLAND LODGE No. 188 FOR 1968

Front row: ALBERT E. ROGERS, *Tiler*; JAY T. HILL, P.M., *Treasurer*; WILLIAM C. HERBERT, *Senior Warden*; GEORGE W. RUUTH, *Worshipful Master*; JOSEPH WELDON, *Junior Warden*; MELVIN L. GRAVES, P.M., *Secretary*; LESTER R. NOURSE, *Chaplain*. Back row: WALTER HADLOCK, *Organist*; CARLETON MARSHAL, P.M., *Soloist*; VICTOR D. ARNOLD, P.M., *Acting Secretary*; KEITH M. ABSHIRE, *Senior Deacon*; LOWELL R. SIMMONS, *Junior Deacon*; EARL WALKER, *Senior Steward*. Not shown: ROBERT S. BARBEE, *Junior Steward* and THEODORE R. FAIRCLOUGH, *Marshal*.

FOREWORD

This is the history of Oakland Lodge No. 188, F.&A.M., a record of one hundred years of achievement of which we of the membership of today can be justly proud. Our founding fathers, back in 1868, gathered on the after-deck of a ferryboat in San Francisco Bay and decided to form a lodge to be known as Oakland Lodge. In the days following they laid a firm foundation. They built upon the rock and, although rains of adversity descended and winds of national contention blew, their house weathered the storms and fell not because of their great foresight. They planted their seed in good soil and it did not wither but grew into the sturdy plant that we of today have been called on to nurture and maintain.

At the end of the first one hundred years of our existence, because of our sturdy foundation, we can look forward with growing confidence to the next century. Our hope is that our Masonic Brothers who follow will carry on as well as did those of the first century.

Your committee compiling the present history has met many problems along the way but it has been greatly rewarded by the records of those who have gone before and by the assistance given by the brethren of our great Fraternity. Our hope is that those who take up the task will find their way easier from what we have been able to compile from the work of those who have passed the torch to us. God bless our work and that of those who follow.

THE COMMITTEE

FRANK KESTER

VICTOR ARNOLD

WILLIAM GEHA

ANDREW GRAHAM

L. PRICE BOYLES

STUART HEDLUND

HISTORY OF OAKLAND LODGE No. 188, F.&A.M.

. . . The First Fifty Years

One hundred years ago a group of Masonic Brethren living in Oakland and having their work in San Francisco would foregather almost every morning on the after-deck of the ferryboats taking them to their labors in San Francisco, there to discuss matters of fraternal interest. From these daily gatherings on the salt water came the idea of forming a Masonic Lodge in Oakland to be known as Oakland Lodge. This was early in the year 1868.

At that time there were but three Masonic Lodges in Alameda County. These were Live Oak No. 61 of Oakland, with a membership of 64 Master Masons; Eden Lodge No. 113, of San Leandro with 40 members and Alameda Lodge No. 167 of Centerville, with 42 members.

On February 7, 1868, a petition, signed by Nathan W. Spaulding and twelve other Brethren was presented Live Oak Lodge asking recommendation for a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of California to form a new lodge to be known as Oakland Lodge. This was readily granted.

At that time Live Oak Lodge met in Shattuck Hall, a two-storied brick building at Eighth and Broadway. There, on March 7, 1868, the petitioners for the new lodge gathered and drew up another petition to Most Worshipful Grand Master William A. Davies for a dispensation to form the new lodge. Those signing the petition, who had demitted from their other lodges, were, Nathan W. Spaulding of Mission Lodge No. 169, Joseph W. Hoag, Arthur W. Hawkett, John Laing and Perry Johnson, all of Live Oak Lodge No. 61, Enoch Pardee of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, George R. Walker of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 44, John W. Myrick of Rising Star Lodge No. 83, Charles B. Rutherford of Tuolumne Lodge No. 8, William C. Hoagland of Naval Lodge No. 87, William H. Smith of Warren Lodge

No. 147, Francis Reichling of Volcano Lodge No. 56 and John Hill of Victoria Lodge No. 703, of British Columbia.

Eight days later, on March 15, the dispensation was granted by Most Worshipful Grand Master Davies and on March 18 the first meeting of the new lodge was held in Shattuck Hall to name the UD officers.

They were:

NATHAN W. SPAULDING	Master
JOSEPH W. HOAG	Senior Warden
ENOCH H. PARDEE	Junior Warden
FRANCIS REICHLING	Treasurer
CHARLES C. RUTHERFORD	Secretary
LEMUEL G. CHAPMAN	Senior Deacon
ARTHUR W. HAWKETT	Junior Deacon
GEORGE R. WALKER	Marshal
PERRY JOHNSON	Senior Steward
JOHN HILL	Junior Steward
E. I. SMITH	Tiler

While under dispensation the new lodge began receiving a host of applications for membership. From the original thirteen the membership jumped to a total of 30 Master Masons.

At the Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California, held October 16, 1868, a charter was granted to Oakland Lodge No. 188, F.&A.M. At the time there were 30 Master Masons, one Fellow Craft and four Entered Apprentices on the rolls as follows:

MASTER MASON

CHARLES P. ADAMS	THOMAS W. BAILEY	PLINY BARTLETT
JAMES BATCHELDER	FRED M. CAMPBELL	MYRON DUSENBURY
VAN LEER EASTLAND	WILLIAM J. GURNETT	EDWARD B. GEER
JOHN HANNER	PATRICK HAYES	WILLIAM HOAGLAND
C. C. KNOWLES	JOHN LAING	JAMES LARUE
CHARLES L. LUCAS	ROBERT MCCURDY	WILLIAM H. MILLER
J. W. MYRICK	E. J. PASMORE	P. N. REMILLARD
JOSEPH SCOTCHLER	HOWARD C. SESSIONS	WILLIAM S. SNOOK
B. F. STILLWELL	DANIEL TICHNOR	H. S. TUCKER
J. C. VAN WYCK	JAMES A. WEBSTER	JAMES A. WILSON

FELLOW CRAFTS
CHARLES S. WILLIAMS

ENTERED APPRENTICES

J. E. BLETHEN	GORHAM H. MOORE
ROBERT NOBLETT	JOHN B. WATSON

When Oakland Lodge celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary in 1918 there were but two of the original members surviving. These were Myron T. Dusenbury who had remained a member, and James A. Webster who had joined Brooklyn Lodge 225.

Immediately upon receiving the Charter the new Lodge held election of officers with the following seated:

NATHAN W. SPAULDING	Master
JOSEPH W. HOAG	Senior Warden
ENOCH H. PARDEE	Junior Warden
FRANCIS REICHLING	Treasurer
CHARLES B. RUTHERFORD	Secretary
LYSANDER WALKER	Chaplain
LEMUEL G. CHAPMAN	Senior Deacon
J. W. MYRICK	Junior Deacon
WILLIAM J. GURNETT	Marshal
THOMAS H. BAILEY	Senior Steward
BISHOP F. STILLWELL	Junior Steward
GEORGE R. WALKER	Tiler

Six days after receiving their charter the members of Oakland Lodge No. 188 were given the opportunity of expounding their Masonic principals in the strongest possible manner. On October 21, 1868, old Mother Nature became restless, the Hayward earthquake fault slipped and the East Bay area was jolted by the hardest earthquake to hit this section in the memory of man. Houses were flattened, chimneys knocked down and a number of people were killed. Walls were cracked and wharves collapsed. San Leandro, which was nearest the epicenter, was hardest hit of the local communities. It was the county seat of Alameda County at the time. The courthouse collapsed. Caught in the wreckage and killed was Brother J. W. Josselyn of Live Oak Lodge, deputy county treasurer. The members of the new lodge

did not confine their activities to extending sympathy to those who had lost homes or suffered injuries in the big shake. They extended the hand of charity and also turned to with a will to aid in restoring the damage that had been suffered by the community.

We will now turn to Brother Wilbur Walker who wrote the history of Oakland Lodge for its first fifty years, and who presided as the Lodge's organist for 56 years. He passed away January 29, 1929. Assisting him in the preparation of the first history of Oakland Lodge were Brothers Thomas I. Miller and Charles N. Walter. The three had intimate knowledge of our Lodge from the days of its formation. To them Oakland Lodge members of today owe a deep debt of gratitude for their collection and preservation in permanent form the early history of Oakland Lodge No. 188.

Brother Nathan Spaulding was a tower of strength not only to Oakland Lodge but also to Oakland Masonry, says Brother Walker. Seven times he presided in the East, in 1868-69, 1872, 1873, 1879, 1880-81, a record not equalled by any other Master of the Lodge. In 1868 thirty-eight members were received, during 1869 sixty-four members and, in 1870, twenty-nine members.

The corps of officers associated with Brother Spaulding, says Brother Walker, made this progress natural and easy for all were representative men who commanded the respect of the community.

The new Lodge at first occupied a hall built for its use in the Broadway Block at the corner of Twelfth and Broadway until completion of the Masonic Temple at Twelfth and Washington Streets in 1881. In the beginning Oakland was largely a commuter's lodge. Saturday night was selected as its meeting night.

At the institution of Oakland Lodge when it was found necessary to raise funds for the purchase of furniture and equipment, it was suggested that as many of the Brethren as felt so disposed might purchase life memberships at \$100 each. The funds so raised could be spent for the necessary furnishings. The suggestion was carried out and the Lodge has looked with favor on life memberships.

The second Master was Joseph B. Scotchler whom Brother Walker describes as one of the most courteous gentlemen who ever graced the Oriental chair and under his office the membership increased rapidly.



FIRST VIEW OF OAKLAND IN 1852 SHOWING BROADWAY AS IT WAS WHEN
OAKLAND LODGE NO. 188 WAS FORMED.

Enoch H. Pardee, the succeeding Master, says Brother Walker, embodied in his makeup many dissimilar elements. Under a seemingly rugged exterior was concealed the kindness and Masonic consideration of a true brother. Many destitute Masons in ill health, were relieved by him without money and without price. The Doctor was seemingly offended if even words of thanks were offered by the recipients. While his ritual work often brought smiles to the faces of his fellow officers, as for instance, when he coolly ordered a certain individual to "be taken without the gates and have his head chopped off, the brethren knew that what he lacked in book Masonry Enoch Pardee more than made up in genuine Masonic charity.

W. J. Gurnett succeeded Enoch Pardee as Master and measured up to the standard of his predecessors as the Lodge continued to increase in membership and Masonic work.

In 1873 James G. Wilson, Senior Warden, having for business reasons declined the office of Master, the Lodge again called Brother Spaulding to take the East. He was followed by James Dods, W. A. Walter, J. J. Porter and, in 1877, by Brother Jesse Walton. Brother Alvah Clark followed in 1878.

Once again, in 1879, Brother Spaulding was called back to the Oriental chair and then through 1880 and 1881. In that final year Oakland Lodge had become one of the leading Masonic lodges in the state of California. When that same year the Masonic Temple at Twelfth and Washington Streets was erected at a cost of \$100,000 and dedicated free of debt, "it seemed as though Nathan Weston Spaulding had placed the keystone in the arch of his Masonic work in Oakland."

Departing from Brother Walker's chronicle, we will swing back to earlier days of Oakland, leading up to the development and consolidation of the city. James E. Larue, one of the charter members of Oakland Lodge No. 188, was an early arrival in the East Bay, or Contra Costa, as it was then known. In the early 1850's he erected a tent of hides in what is now East Oakland and started a trading post catering to the lumbermen operating in the nearby hills and around Redwood Peak and the present Redwood Park. Larue then branched out and erected a wharf on the San

Antonio Slough as the Estuary was then known. It became noted as the Larue Wharf where the boats from San Francisco were able to come and load the redwood timber cut in the surrounding hills.

Oakland was incorporated as a town in 1852, and then as a city, with Horace W. Carpentier as its first mayor, on March 25, 1854. The boundaries extended from San Antonio Creek, as the Estuary was then known, and the bay on the south and west, and "north 300 rods from the Oakland House at First and Main streets."

When Oakland Lodge was formed in 1868 there were several small communities here. Oakland proper was confined to the area from the waterfront to about Seventh Street. Clinton ran from First Avenue to about Sixth Avenue. Then came Brooklyn from Sixth Avenue to where Twelfth Avenue is now. Then San Antonio extended several blocks to the east. Above the present Lake Merritt was Lynn, which featured a boot and shoe factory. Also in 1868 Walter Blair, from Vermont, opened a dairy and a quarry in what is now Piedmont. Much of the rock that went into the paving of young Oakland's streets came from the Blair quarry. Farther east, beyond San Antonio came San Leandro, first known as Squattersville and which was a stage station between Oakland and San Jose. Then came San Lorenzo which was known as Squattertown.

The year 1868 was a lively one in the development of Oakland. In that year the eastern branch of Temescal Creek was dammed by Anthony Chabot, of Live Oak Lodge, to form Lake Chabot, thereby impounding 200,000,000 gallons of water. Until 1872 it supplied the bulk of domestic water used by the young and growing city. Many places also had their own private wells. The lake, now known as Lake Temescal, is one of the city's recreational centers.

The more or less rural conditions existing about Oakland is shown by the law passed by the city council prohibiting horses and other loose stock from running at large in the city streets.

During the year 1868 there were 196 marriage licenses issued by the county clerk and the Oakland Free Library was opened with Ina Coolbrith, who for many years held the title of California Poet Laureate, as librarian.

This era in Oakland's history was also marked by numerous annexations as it was realized that the city was growing and needed the extra room in which to expand. In 1870 the town of Clinton, San Antonio and Lynn were consolidated to form the town of Brooklyn. In the following year it was annexed to Oakland. That was also the year that the county seat was moved from San Leandro to Oakland. Then, on July 14, 1891, the area east of Cemetery Creek and north of Lake Merritt was annexed.

Again, on June 24, 1897, the territory to the north, including Golden Gate, Temescal, Linda Vista, Peralta and Piedmont, except the Piedmont Sanitary District, became part of the growing Oakland. The annexations were completed on December 9, 1900, when Claremont, Fruitvale, Melrose, Fitchburg and Elmhurst came into the fold, thereby adding about 60.25 square miles of territory. Only Piedmont and Emeryville remained as independent communities.

Now back to the story of Brother Wilbur Walker.

The dedication of the new Masonic Temple in 1881, he reports, was an occasion for the gathering of the Masonic Fraternity of Alameda and San Francisco counties. The Brethren of Oakland Lodge felt they had a meeting place of which they could be justly proud. The move to construct the new temple was started June 25, 1878, when the Oakland Masonic Temple Association was incorporated with a capitalization of \$100,000, divided into 10,000 shares at \$10 each. The directors were Francis Shattuck, Anthony Chabot, Nathan W. Spaulding, George Patterson, R. C. Gaskill, John Crellin, C. E. Gillett, James Lentill, Amasa W. Bishop, James B. Merritt and Samuel Hayes. Chabot was elected president, Gillett vice president and V. D. Moody treasurer. A lot, 65 by 105 feet, on the corner of Twelfth and Washington streets, was purchased. Plans for the new temple were adopted October 21, 1878, exactly ten years after the installation of Oakland Lodge.

The cornerstone of the new Temple was laid Sunday, June 10, 1880, with Most Worshipful William W. Taylor, Grand Master of California, and other Grand Officers, and officers and members of Masonic lodges from the area taking part. Orator of the day was Leonidas E. Pratt of Downieville, Grand Master from 1869 to 1872.

The Temple was completed and dedicated February 22, 1881, by the Grand Lodge of California. The ceremonies were followed by a grand ball.



FIRST MASONIC HOME — EARLY 1890



THE MASONIC HOME OF 1968

The Temple was constructed of brick, granite and San Jose sandstone. The entrance was in the form of a Gothic portico of polished granite, supported by pillars of polished black granite. On either side of the entrance were two bronze lions.

Brother George E. Whitney succeeded Brother Spaulding as Master in 1882 and during his term of office was inaugurated the movement that culminated in the construction of the Masonic Home in Decoto. It was advocated in Grand Lodge by Brothers Spaulding, Whitney, Walton, Clark and O'Keefe of our Lodge. Action was finally taken by Grand Lodge and the purchase of the site and erection of the first buildings authorized.

During the term of Worshipful Master E. H. Morgan, 1890, a pipe organ was built and installed. The funds were raised by subscription of the various bodies meeting in the Temple. Brother Morgan deserves a large part of the credit for the result.

In May, 1895, during the term of Brother Charles Ott as Master, a very pleasing incident occurred in the raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason of Walter C. Wilcox by the officers of the Grand Lodge of California. In 1878 an epidemic of yellow fever at New Orleans deprived Walter of both his father and mother when he was four years old. Despite his tender years he was placed aboard a train in New Orleans for Sacramento where his grandmother lived. In the buttonhole of his jacket was a tag commending him to the care and protection of the Fraternity whithersoever dispersed. On his arrival in the California capital city the Grand Lodge of California was in annual Communication. He was adopted by the Grand Lodge and an appropriation of \$25 a month was made for his support. Grand Treasurer Nathan Spaulding of Oakland Lodge was appointed the boy's guardian. The trust was faithfully carried out and Walter Carey Wilcox was a member of Oakland Lodge No. 188 until May 11, 1952, when he passed to that Lodge on high while making his home in Strawberry near Sonora.

According to Brother Walker who compiled much of the history of Oakland Lodge for its first fifty years, in that period, one brother, William Franklin Pierce, was honored by being elected Grand Master of California, the first of our members to be so honored.

Oakland Lodge No. 188 has been successful as well by the high character of its membership as by the ability of its officers and members. Let us consider a few of these brethren.

Henry Durant, founder of the University of California, became an Entered Apprentice in No. 188 at the age of 68 and died in 1875 while serving his second term as Mayor of Oakland. Although for years a Presbyterian minister he found, reports Brother Walker, "new significance in the Holy Writings under Masonic teaching." No name on the roll of Oakland Lodge stands higher than that of Henry Durant, former Mayor of Oakland and first president of the University of California.

In 1868, the year that Oakland Lodge was chartered, the state legislature passed an act signed by Governor H. H. Haight, establishing a University of California. This institution had grown from the Oakland Academy, founded by Brother Durant in 1853 at the northwest corner of Fifth and Broadway, over a former fandango hall. Assisting in keeping the academy in operation was also Brother Samuel B. Bell. Both men campaigned for funds and the citizens contributed liberally to the little institution of learning. The contributions made it possible for the school to purchase four blocks, bounded by Twelfth, Fourteenth, Franklin and Harrison streets. It then became known as Dr. Durant's College School. In April, 1855 it was incorporated and chartered as the College of California. Then, in 1868, it became the University of California, today one of the world's largest seats of learning encompassing over 26,000 students.

Another brother worthy of honor was the Rev. Laurentine Hamilton, pastor of the Independent Church Presbyterian, one of the most scholarly and useful ministers of the gospel in pioneer days. Mount Hamilton, today the site of the Lick Observatory, an adjunct of the University of California, was named for him. He made the first ascent of the mountain while a pastor in San Jose. On September 1, 1861, he guided William H. Brewer and members of the first California Geological Survey to the summit. In his honor the Survey named the peak for him. The Rev. Hamilton who was Chaplain of Oakland Lodge, fell dead in his pulpit Sunday, April 9, 1882.

Many other brothers, including Fred M. Campbell, for many years Superintendent of Schools here and later State Superintendent; John A.

Britton, for many years head of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company; James Blethen, a leader of the California Bar; Charles B. Rutherford, William Bartling, William R. Davis, W. H. Craig, John J. Newsom, Edwin A. Sherman, Masonic author and founder of Oakland Scottish Rite; Hugh Craig, Edwin Sessions and many others who were leaders in the life of the growing community of Oakland, contributed valuable support to the officers and members of Oakland Lodge.

No stream rises higher than its source, reported Brother Walker, and no corps of officers can dignify an association unless its members are worthy and well qualified. In the pioneer days the membership of Oakland Lodge was composed of the better and more progressive elements of society and was one of the keystones for good order and government. While Masonry is severely non-political it still is impossible to prevent Masons from taking an interest in political matters. If the people of the community persist in the election of members of Oakland Lodge to such positions as mayors, governors, congressmen and United States senators wrote Brother Walker, "how can we help it except to regret that they deserve such a fate."

Oakland Lodge in its first fifty years was honored nine times by the selection of ten of its members as Mayor of the city. These were Nathan W. Spaulding, Mack Webber, W. R. Davis, E. H. Pardee, James E. Blethen, Henry Durant, John B. Felton, George C. Pardee and John L. Davie.

Past Master George C. Pardee served the state of California as Governor and then the City of Oakland as Mayor. Our distinguished Brother George C. Perkins, Past Grand Master of California Grand Lodge, after serving as Governor completed twenty years as United States Senator with honor to himself and credit to the Fraternity.

The service flags of the various Masonic lodges, including Oakland Lodge No. 188, show that Masonry is a school of Patriotism and that the teachings of our Worshipful Grand Master George Washington have not been forgotten by his Masonic children.

It was during the term of Robert Brainard Gaylord as Master of Oakland Lodge and George C. Pardee was Governor of California, on April 18, 1906, that Oakland Lodge members had the opportunity again of exercising that extension of aid that is so fundamental to Masonic tradition. On that morning, Oakland, San Francisco and the Bay Area was again

struck by a terrific earthquake that claimed the lives of hundreds of persons in Central California and did millions of dollars worth of damage in destroyed buildings and other property, as a shaking Mother Nature spread devastating fire and disaster.

While damage to this city was small compared to that of our sister city San Francisco, Oakland did open its doors and hearts to the thousands of refugees from the holocaust. It is estimated that from 100,000 to 150,000



CITY HALL OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

The Cornerstone was laid October 13, 1911, by the Grand Lodge of California in the presence of Brother William H. Taft, President of the United States.

persons poured across the bay into the friendly arms and hands extended to them in aid. These were all given shelter in this city and in the surrounding communities. After things had settled down to more normal conditions many elected to remain and reenter their businesses in the East Bay. And once again Oakland Lodge was enabled to extend itself in aiding relief activities.

In 1911 when Brother Thomas Irving Miller presided in the East the cornerstone of Oakland's new city hall was laid with Masonic ceremonies, with Brother William Howard Taft, President of the United States, assisted by Governor Hiram Johnson, presiding. In addition to the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of California and Oakland Lodge No. 188, the ceremonies were participated in by many lodges of the area.

On May 11, 1915, Brother John Davie was elected Mayor of Oakland. Under his regime the city limits were extended, a city museum established, Lake Merritt dredged, the Civil Service System adopted, parks, playgrounds and new schools established. He served until 1931 when a City Manager form of government was instituted and Fred M. Morcom was named Mayor.

Again, in 1917, when Brother John Richard Sutton was Master, war swept the nation. Oakland Lodge was given the opportunity of showing its patriotism when more than forty-eight of its membership answered the call to arms and took part in World War One.

It was in 1918, while the nation was still in the throes of conflict that Oakland Lodge was called to observe the Fiftieth Anniversary of its existence. Brother Don Fredrick Harris was Master. However, there is nothing in the records of that year regarding the Fiftieth Anniversary until December, 21, 1918. The report for that Saturday night shows a lodge of Master Masons was convened at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of installing officers elected for the ensuing year. Brother Charles Quayle was installed as Master. The Past Master's Jewel was presented by Past Master Charles Nelson Walter. Past Master William MacMurtry presented the portrait of the retiring Master. Past Master Harry Benner performed a like service in presenting the portrait of Past Master Theodore Mock, 1900. The class presentation was made by newly raised Brother Sidney Frank Sea who was to become the fiftieth Master of Oakland Lodge. The Lodge then closed and the brethren repaired to the banquet hall to observe the Fiftieth Anniversary

of Oakland Lodge. The observance had been postponed from October 13, because of wartime restrictions. Remarks were made by Brothers Wilbur Walker, Charles E. Keyes, Jesse Walton, Fred L. Button, Samuel Taylor, Robert B. Gaylord and James MacLafferty. The brethren departed at 12:10.

At the end of 1918, the end of the first fifty years of Oakland Lodge's existence, the rolls showed 662 members. At the stated meeting of January 4, 1919, the Secretary's annual report showed that for the year ending December 31, 1918, sixty-two members had been raised, ten admitted to membership by affiliation and four former members restored. Also during the year 13 were lost by death and two were suspended.

. . . 1918 . . .

Members of Oakland Lodge in Service of Our Country

Aljets, John William	Army	Keyes, Charles Edward, Jr.	Army
Alexander, George	Army	Lloyd, Franklin Robert	Army
Annand, Charles William	Army	Luckhardt, William George	Army
Archambault, Clifford Stevens	Army	MARR, FRED BUEL	Army
Axelson, Ivar	Navy	Miller, Homer Theophilus	Navy
Bolter, Martin John	Navy	Miller, Lewis Albert	Army
Brown, James Henry, Jr.	Army	Moore, Harry Thornton	Army
Burgess, George Waldo	Army	Morrow, Archie Fremont	Army
Bury, Howard Phillip	Army	Mosher, James Nelson	Navy
Cannon, Walter DeWitt	Army	Pearce, Edward Hueguenin	Army
Concanon, Wilfred Walter	Army	Perry, Harry Lee	Army
Crist, Frederick George	Navy	Petray, Henry Clay	Army
Ferris, Frank Elwood	Army	Powell, Alvin	Army
Ford, Robert McFarlin	Army	Rodolph, Rollin Pratt	Army
Fortin, Damien Edmont	Army	Skaggs, Marcus Leloise	Army
Gardiner, Claude Melnotte	Navy	Smith, Harold Bernard	Army
Grassow, Robert	Navy	Soule, Henry Douglas Bacon	Army
Hanson, Ralph Reuben	Army	Street, William Schwerdt	Navy
Hermle, Leo David	Marines	Summerfield, Herman Lionel	Army
Humann, Edward August	Army	Swenson, Eric Hjalmar	Navy
Hunt, Chester Robert	Army	Thurber, Judson	Navy
Hutchison, John Gray	Navy	Wurts, Harry Elwood	Army
Johnson, Charles Emil	Navy		
Meroux, Rene Harold (Entered Apprentice only)			Army
Jackson, Leslie Algernon		Elected but enlisted and entered service before receiving degrees	

. . . The Second Fifty Years

. . . 1919 . . .

When the boys began coming home from the war in 1919 a heretofor unheard number of them presented petitions to take the degrees of Masonry during the next several years. The records of 1919 show it to have been a year of increasing activity. Special meetings were held for conferring of the degrees. In that year 79 were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Twenty were added by affiliation and five were restored to membership. There were 18 lost by death, eight were suspended and three took out demits. Membership at the close of the year showed a total of 734 on the rolls.

In addition to our own degree work, one First Degree, two Fellow Crafts and six Master Mason degrees were conferred on candidates as a courtesy to other lodges. It is interesting to note that at the stated meeting of January 4, 1919, from petitions voted on 18 were rejected. At that time collective balloting had not come into vogue and many today can recall the long and tedious procedure of balloting singly when the number of candidates was large.

In addition to the degree work the traditional exchange of visits between Oakland Lodge and Durant Lodge No. 268, and Mission Lodge No. 169, were made, as was also the visit to the Masonic Home in Decoto. Special meetings were held on Saturday afternoons and evenings to confer degrees.

Open installation ceremonies to place Brother George Edmond Madison in the Master's chair were held in the Madison Street Masonic Temple, December 13, 1919. Retiring Master Charles Quayle, acting as installing officer, was assisted by Past Master William MacMurtry as Master of Ceremonies. Brother Clyde Yerge made the class presentation.

Brother William Ewing, Junior Deacon, having been called to take over the principalship of Pasadena High School, could not continue in the line. He affiliated with Pasadena Lodge No. 272. Later returning to Oakland to become Superintendent of Schools in this city he again became affiliated with Oakland Lodge.

. . . 1920 . . .

At the stated meeting of January 3, 1920, the members cast their ballots individually on 25 candidates filing petitions to take degrees. There was one rejection. Petitions were also received. There was one application for affiliation. Extra sessions were held throughout the year on Saturday and Monday evenings. Eighty-six new members had signed the by-laws by the end of the year, giving a total membership of 811 Master Masons.

A petition was received January 7 from 25 Masons praying that Oakland Lodge would grant them the privilege of forming a new lodge to be known as Fellowship Lodge. The same was granted.

Another petition, signed by twelve Masons of Live Oak Lodge No. 61, was received praying that Oakland Lodge would grant them the privilege of forming a new lodge to be known as Acorn Lodge. This petition was received at the stated meeting of September 4 and was readily granted.

At that same meeting another petition was received, this time from 25 Master Masons requesting that Oakland Lodge would grant them the privilege of forming a lodge to be known as Fremont Lodge. As in the other two applications, this too, was readily granted by Oakland's members.

At the stated meeting of June 5, the sum of \$240 was voted for reglossing and rehanging the portraits of our Past Masters on the walls of the banquet hall.

Although Oakland Lodge was busy conferring degrees, fraternal visits were exchanged with Durant and Mission lodges during the year. The annual visit was also made to the Masonic Home in Decoto.

In November Oakland Lodge purchased 100 additional shares of Oakland Masonic Temple stock at \$20 a share.

During the year Oakland Lodge was called on to conduct eight Masonic funerals. One of these was for Brother H. Nelle who passed away May 12.

He is long remembered by the older members for his faithfulness in attending his appointed position of Sea Faring and Wayfaring Man in conferring the third degrees.

Brother Sophus Nelson was installed as Master of Oakland Lodge, Saturday, December 11, 1920. He was installed by Retiring Master George Madison, assisted by Past Master Charles Quayle as Master of Ceremonies. At the conclusion of the ceremony Brother Wilbur Walker was presented with a gold watch in commemoration of his fiftieth appointment as lodge organist.

. . . 1921 . . .

At the stated meeting of January 1, 1921, fourteen petitions for degrees were balloted on and all were elected. Again extra sessions for conferring degrees were held Saturday afternoons and Monday evenings. Seventy-five were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and six joined by affiliation. Eight were restored to membership. Five members demitted and eight were suspended for non-payment of dues. Masonic services were held for six of our own brothers and three Board of Relief funerals were held. Membership at the end of the year was 871.

Two of the Masonic services were for Past Masters of Oakland Lodge. The first was for Brother Theodore Mock, Master in 1900. The other was for Brother Charles F. Ott, Master in 1895.

The Degree Team of the California Grays visited Oakland Lodge in full uniform for the conferring of a third degree on February 6.

At the stated meeting of June 2 a resolution was introduced by Past Master Daniel W. Pratt to increase the membership fee from \$50 to \$80. The resolution was adopted at the stated meeting of August 6.

Owing to the press of degree work the annual visits to the Masonic Home and to Mission Lodge were not held. Exchange visits, though, were held with Durant Lodge.

At the stated meeting of December 3, 1921, a petition was received from a number of Masonic brethren praying for the privilege of forming a new lodge to be known as Piedmont Lodge. This was granted.

Open installation of officers was held Saturday, December 17, 1921, in

Scottish Rite Temple on Madison Street. Brother Francis Ami Braun and his officers for the coming year were installed by Retiring Master Sophus Nelson with Past Master George Edmond Madison serving as Master of Ceremonies. Brother Wilbur Walker was also installed as organist for the fifty-first time.

. . . 1922 . . .

The steady influx of candidates kept up in 1922 with extra meetings being held Saturday afternoons and Monday evenings for degree work. The third degree was conferred on 67 candidates and ten were added by affiliation. One was restored to membership, 16 were lost by death, 13 by demit and six were suspended for non-payment of dues. Eight funerals were held for members and one for the Board of Relief. The membership at the end of the year numbered 913.

A total of \$701.30 was contributed by Oakland Lodge toward the Masonic Club House at the University of California in Berkeley. The Lodge received the thanks of Piedmont Lodge U.D. for donation of a ballot box, collars for its officers and 25 aprons. Traditional visits were exchanged with Durant Lodge and the annual visit was made to the Masonic Home.

Closed installation of Robert McFarland Ford and his staff of officers was held December 30, 1922, in Oakland Lodge with Retiring Master Francis Ami Braun officiating and with Past Master Sophus Nelson as Master of Ceremonies. Past Master Samuel Taylor presented the Past Masters jewel and the portrait of the retiring Master was made by Past Master John R. Sutton. The class presentation was made by Brother George Clement Perkins.

. . . 1923 . . .

Eight candidates were elected to receive degrees at the stated meeting of January 6, 1923. Two applications for affiliation were received and eight petitions for degrees. During the year 58 new members signed the by-laws. Membership at the close of 1923 numbered 936. Eleven deaths occurred during the year for which the officers were called on to conduct nine Masonic funerals.

On February 8 the Lodge was called on to conduct rites for Brother George Clement Perkins, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California in 1874 and ex-United States Senator who demitted from Oroville Lodge No. 103 to join Oakland Lodge. His funeral was held from the family residence in East Oakland.

Another Masonic service was held for Brother John A. Britton, Master in 1901. For many years he was President of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. He died June 28 and services were held in the Masonic Temple in San Francisco on July 2.

On September 1, Worshipful Master Robert Ford, with most of the officers of the Lodge, their wives and a large number of members, paid a visit to San Benito Lodge No. 211, in Hollister. The Oakland visitors were given the royal welcome and partook of a venison feed which was prepared for 300 guests and members of the two lodges. A third degree was conferred that evening. The next day a visit was made to the Pinnacles National Monument.

The annual visit to the Masonic Home in Decoto was made October 15.

At the November stated meeting it was reported that Oakland Lodge had contributed \$1096.60 to the Masonic Club House at the University of California.

An outstanding event in the Masonic year for Oakland Lodge took place Saturday, November 17, when the Lodge was host to five new lodges constituted during the year. These were Lakeshore No. 551, Plymouth No. 550, Foothill No. 564, Park Boulevard No. 568 and Chateau Thierry No. 569. Worshipful Master Robert Ford had assisted in organizing Chateau Thierry. Since its organization annual visits have been made to Oakland Lodge. Annual visits were also exchanged during the year with Durant and Mission lodges.

Open installation was held in Scottish Rite Temple on Madison Street, Saturday, December 8, when Retiring Master Robert Ford, assisted by Past Master Francis Ami Braun as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother Russell Roy Cowles as Master and his officers for 1924.

An honor came to Past-Master Robert Ford also, by his appointment as Inspector of the Thirty-eighth Masonic District by the Grand Master.

. . . 1924 . . .

Ten applicants were elected to receive the degrees of Masonry at the stated meeting of January 3, 1924. Two were elected by affiliation and three petitions for degrees were recorded. At the close of the year 40 new members had been received into the Lodge. Three members were suspended and 17 died. At the close of the year there were 954 members enrolled.

At the February 5 stated meeting a flight of winding stairs was presented Chateau Thierry Lodge. At the same meeting it was reported that the donations of members of Oakland Lodge to the Masonic Club House in Berkeley had risen to \$1,153.50.

On April 30 the officers and members of Oakland Lodge visited Mission Lodge and conferred a third degree. The first annual Fathers and Sons dinner was held May 24 with 180 present.

On the Memorial Day weekend sixty members of Oakland Lodge and their families paid a visit to Eureka Lodge No. 16, at Auburn. The officers of Oakland Lodge conferred a third degree on one of Eureka's candidates. The following day a basket picnic was held in the nearby hills.

Past Masters and Old Timers Night was held August 16. Past Master Samuel Taylor and a team composed of Past Masters, conferred a third degree. In the banquet hall a collection of pictures of the old timers and of other days was thrown on the screen.

On Saturday, September 20, Chateau Thierry Lodge joined the members of Oakland Lodge in a visit to the Masonic Home.

A highlight in conferring third degrees was reached September 27 when four candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the afternoon and evening. Three of these were conferred by the degree team of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the candidates all being employed by that firm. In the evening session members of Mosaic Lodge No. 218, of Livermore, conferred the third degree on an Oakland candidate. On November 8 Chateau Thierry Lodge visited and conferred a third degree on another Oakland candidate.

Open installation of officers was held December 27, 1924, in the Madison Street Temple. Retiring Master Russell Roy Cowles, assisted by Past Master Charles Quayle as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother Sidney

Frank Sea and his officers for the year 1925. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Willard Williamson. Past Master John Richard Sutton presented the retiring Master's portrait. Brother Milton Hendrickson made the class presentation. Brother Sea was raised in the fiftieth year of Oakland Lodge and his installation this year made him the fiftieth Master of the Lodge.

. . . 1925 . . .

A welcome change was made in the ritualistic work this year. It provided that a lodge might be lowered from one degree to another for the purpose of examination, or called to a higher degree without repetition of the opening or closing ceremony. This proved a great saving of time in conferring of degrees.

Twenty members were added to the rolls this year. There were five deaths during the year and the Lodge was called on to conduct three Masonic funerals for members of the Lodge and two for the Board of Relief. Four members were lost by suspension and demit. The membership at the close of the year was 945.

The minutes of the stated meeting of March 7 report that a telegram of congratulations was sent Past Master James H. MacLafferty who had served from here in Congress, on his appointment as assistant to the President.

Sea Port Lodge No. 550 of San Francisco visited Oakland Lodge April 11 and conferred the third degree on Brother W. E. Chambliss. This visit was arranged by the Master who had served in the United States Navy.

On May 8 a fraternal visit was made to Balder Lodge No. 393 in San Francisco where the officers of Oakland Lodge conferred the third degree on a Balder Lodge candidate.

Traditional visits were exchanged with Durant and Mission lodges. A second degree was conferred on a Mission candidate and in the ceremony it became necessary for our Worshipful Master Sidney Sea to give the Senior Deacons lecture as well as the Masters. Another activity of this year by the Master was a visit to the Covina Masonic Home. The annual Fathers and Sons Dinner was held June 20.

On October 31 there was instituted what was to become a tradition of Oakland Lodge, the first Annual Coaches Night, a program that has been followed every year since.

At the stated meeting of December 5 it was reported that the donations to the Berkeley Masonic Club House by our members had reached a total of \$1,372.90. This was still short of meeting the Lodge's quota by \$127.10. To make up the balance a warrant was drawn on the treasury for that amount.

Public installation was held in the Madison Street Temple, Saturday evening, December 12. Retiring Master Sidney Sea, assisted by Past Master George E. Madison as Master of Ceremonies, installed William Neil Munroe and his staff of officers. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Samuel Taylor and the portrait of the Retiring Master by Past Master Charles Quayle. Brother Fredrick R. Barbeau made the class presentation.

. . . 1926 . . .

During 1926 forty-two members were added by third degrees, three by affiliation and one by restoration. Membership at the end of the year numbered 962.

Three of Oakland's Past Members were called to the Lodge above during the year. Past Master Samuel Johnson Taylor, 1902, passed away April 7. On June 23 Past Master Jesse Walton, 1877, died in the Masonic Home in Decoto where he had been a guest for the past twenty years. On August 3 Past Master Gilbert Parker Daniels, 1896, died. It was only on February 2 that Past Master Taylor presented the Lodge with a piece of granite from the corner stone of the Washington monument in Washington, D. C., the gift of Brother James MacLafferty who was then in Washington. Brother James Hamilton Todd, M.D., who for years had given the charges to candidates, passed away June 5.

During the year visits were exchanged with Durant and Chateau Thierry Lodges. On November 22, a Scotch Degree team from Clan MacDonald, conferred the third degree on Brother William Kitto, who was to become Master in 1943.

Although not recorded in the minutes, the members of Oakland Lodge with their families journeyed to Livermore for a joint picnic with Mosaic Lodge in the creek bottom off Cresta Blanca road.

At the stated meeting of December 4 a resolution was introduced to advance the fee for the three degrees from \$80 to \$100.

Open installation ceremonies were held December 22, 1926, in the Madison Street Temple. There Retiring Master William Munroe, assisted by Past Master Sidney Sea as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother Harold Hamilton Meredith and his officers for the year 1927.

. . . 1927 . . .

Twenty-six third degrees were conferred during 1927 and eight members were added by affiliation. Five members were restored but the losses were heavy. Fourteen members were lost by death, seven were suspended for non-payment of dues and six took out demits. There were twelve Masonic funerals conducted for members and one for the Board of Relief. At the end of the year the membership totaled 972 Master Masons.

Three Past Masters were called from our midst during 1927 and Masonic rites were held for all three. Past Master Daniel Webster Pratt, 1915, passed away February 6. Then Past Master Fred L. Button, 1889, died October 5, followed by Past Master George H. Smith, 1898-99, who died November 25.

At the stated meeting of February 8 the resolution introduced December 6, 1926, to increase the initiation fee from \$80 to \$100 was adopted.

The cornerstone of the Scottish Rite Temple on Oak Street was placed June 11, 1927, and a large number of members from Oakland Lodge joined in the ceremonies.

The annual visit to the Masonic Home was held June 15. On September 24 Durant Lodge paid its annual visit to Oakland Lodge and the visit was returned four days later. Chateau Thierry Lodge paid its annual visit November 12 and conferred a third degree on an Oakland candidate.

The Oakland Lodge coaching team on October 29 conferred the third degree on Brother Glenn Howard Wood, director of music for the Oakland

SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE



1547 Oak Street, Oakland. The cornerstone laid June 11, 1927

Public Schools. Brother Frank Brigham acted as Master in the first section and Brother Frank West was Master in the second. Past Masters Night was held October 22. Past Master Charles Quayle presided as Master.

Open installation ceremonies were held in the Madison Street Temple December 10. Retiring Master Harold H. Meredith, assisted by Past Master Francis Ami Braun as Master of Ceremonies, inducted Brother William Malcolm Huffman as Master, along with his officers for the year 1928. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Sophus Nelson. Portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master John Sutton and the class presentation was made by Brother Glenn Woods. It was reported that Thaddeus Joy, who had been Tiler for many years, was too ill to carry on the office. Brother John Stannis Liflett Parsons, who had been serving as acting Tiler, was appointed to the office.

. . . 1928 . . .

The year 1928 brought with it many problems. The money expended for relief during the year exceeded all previous records. By the end of the year the first stresses of the impending stock market crash which was to strike the nation in full impact in the next year began to be felt.

At the stated meeting of January 7, 1928, six were elected to receive degrees of Masonry. During the year 19 were added in addition to six by affiliation and two restored. Death took four members and 11 were suspended, leaving a membership at the end of the year of 979.

Deputy Grand Master Gustav A. Hutaff paid a visit to Oakland Lodge February 11 and was received with full Masonic honors. The next day he officiated at the dedication of a monument erected to the memory of Brother E. A. Sherman of Oakland Lodge in Mountain View cemetery.

A social event was featured February 25 when Oakland Lodge was host at a dinner dance in the Leamington hotel and which was attended by 250 members and guests. On June 16 the annual Ladies Night was held. The same month also saw the holding of the annual Fathers and Sons Night.

Oakland Lodge paid its annual visit to Durant Lodge which was returned later in the year. The members also paid a visit to the Masonic Home.

The minutes of June 27 record that the Oakland Masonic Temple Association advised that the corporate life of that Association had expired and that a new corporation, under the same name, had been formed with a capital of \$40,000, divided into 10,000 shares with a par value of \$40. It was requested that Oakland Lodge as a shareholder (with 1571 shares), exchange our present certificates for an equal number of shares in the new corporation. The Secretary reported that this transfer had already been made and that the new stock was now in possession of the Lodge.

A number of the officers, members and their women folks traveled to Nevada City in July to pay a fraternal visit to Nevada Lodge No. 13. The trip was arranged by Brother Frederick L. Arbogast, affiliated member of Oakland Lodge and Past Master of Nevada Lodge. The officers of Oakland Lodge conferred the third degree on Brother Paul Revere Bishop, brother-in-law of Brother Arbogast.

On Saturday, October 27, Brother Ralph Hoyt and his officers of Durant Lodge visited and conferred the third degree on an Oakland candidate. On November 10 Chateau Thierry Lodge visited and conferred a third degree on another Brother. Then, on November 27 the Coaches of Oakland Lodge conferred a third degree with Brothers Frank O. Brigham and Frank West dividing honors in the East.

Closed installation of officers for 1929 was held in the lodge room December 8 when Retiring Master William M. Huffman, assisted by Past Master Robert Ford as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother Will Roy Hill and his officers. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Secretary Charles M. Walter, acting as proxy for Past Master Francis Ami Braun. Past Master William Macdonald presented the portrait of the Retiring Master. The class presentation was made by Brother James P. Noland.

In the banquet hall, at a mock trial, Brother Huffman, the retiring Master, was found guilty of exceeding the "speed limit" in entertainment and refreshment expenses during the year. It was ordered by the incoming Master that "his portrait be hung to public gaze on the wall of the banquet hall for the life of Oakland Lodge." The ceremony, without the trial, has been one of the features of the banquet hall meetings following every closed installation of the Lodge.

. . . 1929 . . .

The year started off with a membership of 979 and it was hoped that Oakland Lodge would reach that coveted number of 1,000 members. For a time it appeared as though this was to be. At the stated meeting of January 5, 1929, three were elected to receive degrees and one petition was received. Then, during the year 18 were added by conferred degrees, three by affiliation and four by restoration. This would have brought the membership up to 1004. But unfortunately there were losses as 15 of our members were called by death and eight were suspended for non-payment of dues, leaving a membership at the end of the year of 981.

The first funeral of the year to be conducted in 1929 by the Lodge was for Captain Judson Thurber, Captain of the old Coast Guard Cutter *Bear* during the time it was owned by the City of Oakland and before it was

turned over to Admiral Richard Byrd to be used on his South Polar Expedition. This was on January 7, and the services were held in the Chapel of the Chimes. Before being put in charge of the *Bear* Jud Thurber had a long career with the U. S. Coast Guard in Arctic waters. For several years he had been Chief Boatswain of the famous old craft which had started its career in the United States forces by being the ship that rescued the Greely North Pole Expedition in the Arctic Ocean north of Greenland. During World War One he was made a Lieutenant Commander with duty on the Atlantic Coast. On his retirement he returned to Oakland and was given command of the *Bear* with rank of Captain.

On February 6 the hall of Oakland Lodge was filled with sorrowing friends and Masonic brethren who came to pay their last respects to Brother Wilbur Walker who had but a short time before been appointed Organist of the Lodge for the fifty-seventh time. He died January 31, 1929. Brother Walker had been appointed Organist first in 1882 and had been reappointed every year since that time, the longest career of any officer of Oakland Lodge and possibly the longest in any of the California lodges up to this time.

On April 17 the Lodge conducted funeral services at the First Presbyterian Church for Brother Harmon Bell, dean of the Alameda County Bar Association and one of the most noted lawyers in California.

The foresight of our founding fathers and those who came after them was well exemplified this year. The year 1929 will long be remembered as the year when the finances of the country reached the height of false prosperity, culminating in the crash of the stock market in the fall and starting the country on its toboggan slide into the financial depression of 1930. Oakland Lodge, due to the foresight of its past guiding officers, found itself weathering the storm on a firm foundation, which could not be said for many other fraternal and business institutions of the nation.

Starting in 1880 Mission Lodge, known as the "Mother" Lodge of Oakland Lodge, began what was hoped to be an annual exchange of fraternal visits between the two lodges. Brother Nathan Spaulding, Oakland's first Master had also been a charter member of Mission Lodge and its second Master. After a few years, for some unexplained reason, the visits were discontinued. Then an attempt was made by Oakland Lodge to renew the



BROTHER WILBUR WALKER, SEATED AT ORGAN IN THE HALL OF OAKLAND
LODGE NO. 188, WHERE HE PRESIDED AS ORGANIST FOR 56 YEARS.
BROTHER WALKER PASSED AWAY JANUARY 31, 1929, AGED 82 YEARS.

visits. The invitation of our Master was answered in a most cordial manner and it was explained that because our Lodge met on Saturday nights it interfered with the business of many Mission Lodge officers. Mission Lodge, however, did extend an invitation to Oakland Lodge to visit, an invitation that was accepted March 3.

The traditional exchange was made with Durant Lodge. Then, on June 8, more than 200 members of Oakland Lodge and their families journeyed to Livermore to take part in a joint picnic with Mosaic Lodge. A splendid feast had been prepared but a sudden rainstorm sent everyone to cover. In the evening a dance was held.

Past Masters Night was held September 28, and a third degree conferred. On Saturday, November 28, the Coaching team, with Brother Frank Brigham as Master, conferred a third degree.

Open installation ceremonies were held in the Madison Street temple December 21. Retiring Master Wilfred Hill, assisted by Past Master George C. Perkins, father of Master-Elect George E. Perkins, as Master of Ceremonies, installed the new officers for 1930. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Robert Ford and the picture by Past Master George Madison. The class presentation was made by Brother Leslie Irving. In the banquet hall Past Master George C. Pardee was the speaker. Also Past Master Sophus Nelson succeeded Past Master Robert M. Ford as Grand Lodge Inspector of the 38th District.

. . . 1930 . . .

Changes in the line featured the year 1930. Junior Deacon Clyde Chamblin, finding it impossible to attend meetings on Saturday nights, resigned and the custom of advancing officers of the line followed. Herbert John Thornbury became Junior Steward. Later in the year John Kearley, Senior Steward, resigned and Milton Hendrickson was appointed Junior Steward, James Nelson Mosher being advanced to Junior Deacon.

At the stated meeting of January 4, 1930, the negatives of all Past Masters' portraits hanging in the banquet hall were put in the hands of the new Master George C. Perkins who had them arranged in an album in order and then placed in a safe deposit box. This custom has been carried out,

insuring that the portraits of all Past Masters will be preserved should the Temple be laid waste by fire or the devastation of war. At the same meeting three were elected to receive degrees and three petitions were received.

During the year eleven members were claimed by death, seven lost by withdrawal and 13 suspended for non-payment of dues. Three were added by affiliation, one by restoration and 16 by degrees conferred. At the close of 1930 Oakland Lodge's membership stood at 970.

The country, this year, was slipping into financial depression which started in the last year. But thanks to the wisdom of our predecessors who had saved for a "rainy day" by accumulating a number of bonds, the Lodge was able, by selling some of these, to weather the storm and meet current expenses.

At the stated meeting of February 2 a move was made to change the meeting night from Saturday to Thursday but was voted down. At the same meeting the Grand Lodges ruling that members who had been in good standing in a lodge of this jurisdiction for forty years or more, might have their dues remitted. This was adopted by the Lodge.

During the year Public Schools Week was observed by a visit to University High School. The annual Fathers and Sons Night dinner was held with 300 members and guests present. The members also paid the annual visit to the Masonic Home.

At the stated meeting of October 4, fifty year veterans' buttons were presented Past Master Arthur Mock and Brother William Dingee by Past Master George C. Pardee, on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Thirty-one shares of stock in the Oakland Masonic Temple Association were purchased by the lodge from Mrs. Gertrude M. Gardiner.

Piedmont Lodge No. 521 visited Oakland Lodge and conferred a third degree on an Oakland candidate. Past Master Russell Cowles and the degree team of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company conferred the third degree on a Brother employed by that company. On Past Masters Night Past Master Russell Cowles again presided to raise a Brother. Two more third degrees were conferred on Oakland members by the officers of Chateau Theirry Lodge and our Coaching Team.

Also during the year Brother Fredrick Arbogast resigned as Secretary of the East Bay Board of Employment. The Board of Employment and

Board of Relief were consolidated, forming the East Bay Masonic Board of Relief and Employment. Russell C. Horstman, Past Master of Fruitvale Lodge, No. 336, was named Secretary-Manager. For the support of the new board the lodges of the East Bay were pledged to contribute five cents per member per month.

Closed installation of officers was held in the Lodge room December 27, 1930. Retiring Master George Perkins, assisted by Past Master Sidney Sea as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother Arnt Christian Heidekker and his officers for the ensuing year. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Russell Cowles and the picture of the Retiring Master was presented by Past Master Robert Gaylord. Brother Sidney B. Williams made the class presentation.

LAYING CORNERSTONE, OAKLAND POST OFFICE, 13TH AND ALICE STREETS,
NOVEMBER 14, 1931.



. . . 1931 . . .

Effects of the depression were still being felt at the start of 1931. These effects were felt by a decline in the granting of degrees. However, at the stated meeting of January 3, four were elected but only one petition was received. During the year only eleven were added to the rolls by degrees and two by affiliation. One member was lost by demit, 13 were suspended for non-payment of dues and 13 were called by death. Membership at the end of the year had dropped to 956.

The Lodge officers were called on to conduct seven Masonic funerals, two for Past Masters. On June 20 the members gathered at the Chapel of the Chimes to conduct services for Past Master George Perkins, 1913. In November rites were held for Past Master Charles Walter who passed away November 10. He had been Secretary of Oakland Lodge for 25 years. Past Master Thomas Miller was named Secretary.

Two outstanding events were participated in by Oakland Lodge during the year. The first of these was when Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert B. Gaylord, accompanied by Grand Bible Bearer William MacMurtry and Sophus Nelson, Grand Lodge Inspector for the Thirty-eighth Masonic District, and all Past Masters of Oakland Lodge, were received with honors. They had come to present Past Master George C. Pardee with his fifty year veterans button. Masonic employees of the East Bay Municipal Utility District of which Brother Pardee was President, as well as Masonic brethren of the Oakland School Department and prominent Masons of the East Bay, were also present to honor Brother Pardee and the Grand Officers. The Lodge hall was filled to capacity. Following the presentation made by Grand Master Gaylord, refreshments were served in the banquet hall. Worshipful Master Arnt Heidekker presided with Past Master George Madison acting as Master of Ceremonies. Grand Master Gaylord, Brother Nat Friend and many others paid glowing tributes to the "Governor" to which he responded with characteristic remarks. At the close of the program a poem on the life of George C. Pardee was delivered by Past Master Will C. Hill. This, on parchment, was presented Brother Pardee by Past Master William Macdonald. At the same meeting a beautiful chimes box was presented the Lodge by Secretary Charles Walter and his wife.

The other Masonic event was the laying of the cornerstone of the new Oakland Post Office, November 14. Grand Master Gaylord, assisted by officers of the Grand Lodge, laid the stone at the corner of Thirteenth and Alice streets. Introductory remarks were made by William Nat Friend, Postmaster and member of Oakland Lodge. A roster of the membership of Oakland Lodge, along with other records was placed in the stone.

On Thursday, November 1, Masonic brethren and a host of sorrowing friends assembled in the Lodge room of the Temple to conduct last rites for Brother Charles N. Walter, Secretary of the Lodge, who passed away at the age of 59 years. Assisting in the service was the Rev. Francis Van Horn of the First Congregational Church of which Brother Walter was a member. Grand Master Gaylord, Past Master of Oakland Lodge, gave the eulogy.

At the stated meeting of November 3 a resolution was passed increasing the affiliation fee from \$1.00 to \$25.

Fraternal visits were exchanged with Durant Lodge and Mission Lodge where degrees were conferred. The annual visit to the Masonic Home was also held.

Closed installation ceremonies were held in the Lodge room December 12, 1931. Most Worshipful Grand Master Robert Gaylord was received with honors and seated in the East. There, with the assistance of Past Master George C. Perkins as Master of Ceremonies, he proceeded to install Brother Charles Capp De Wolf as Master, and his officers for the coming year. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Sidney F. Sea and Past Master George Madison presented the portrait of the retiring Master.

. . . 1932 . . .

For the first time at the start of the year there were no petitions to be balloted on at the stated meeting of January 2, 1932, nor were any petitions received. The financial depression was still hanging heavily over the land. It can be recalled that Franklin Roosevelt was installed as President of the United States in March of this year and his first official act was to close the banks for readjustment of their finances. Nevertheless, Oakland Lodge,

resting on the firm foundation of careful investments of the past years, was able to carry on in calmness and serenity.

There were only four members added by degrees during the year. Two more were added to the rolls by affiliation and three members were restored to membership. Six took out demits, 24 were suspended for non-payment of dues and 21 were lost by death. Membership at the close of the year had dropped to 914 Master Masons.

A Ladies Night was held February 14 with entertainment and refreshments. On April 9 Durant Lodge paid its annual visit and on April 26 Public Schools Week was observed. On May 14 Fruitvale Chapter, Order of De Molay members were guests of Oakland Lodge and exemplified their initiatory work. The annual visit to the Masonic Home was held.

A lodge outing scheduled at Berkeley Municipal Camp at Cazadero, May 28-30 was held. Members made 200 reservations but on the opening day rain began to fall and many "turned back into the country." However, many persisted and reported an enjoyable time.

On October 22, Oakland Lodge members visited Durant Lodge in Berkeley for their fiftieth anniversary, and conferred a third degree on a Durant candidate.

The Grand Lodge of California held its annual Convocation in Scottish Rite Temple the second week in October. Worshipful Grand Master Robert B. Gaylord, who had passed between the Pillars of Oakland Lodge when he entered Masonry, March 18, 1899, requested that our Lodge loan the pillars to the Grand Lodge for the Convocation which was done. On October 13, Oakland Lodge opened a Lodge of Master Masons at the Convocation and raised Brother Augustus Dunaway to the sublime degree, before a large audience of Grand Lodge delegates and other Master Masons. Worshipful Master Charles De Wolf conferred the degrees and Past Master George C. Perkins delivered the lecture. He also presented Brother Gaylord with a beautiful trowel, hand hammered by Brother John D. Schaackey. The trowel in turn was presented to Oakland Lodge and is now in its archives. The Pillars were returned to our hall at the end of the week.

Chateau Thierry Lodge visited Oakland Lodge November 12 and conferred a second degree on an Oakland candidate.

Closed installation ceremonies were held in Oakland Lodge, December

12. Retiring Master Charles De Wolf, assisted by Past Grand Master Robert Gaylord as Master of Ceremonies inducted Brother Ralph August Kurtz and his staff for 1933. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master William Munro and the portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master Wilfred Roy Hill.

. . . 1933 . . .

Brother Leslie William Irving, Junior Steward, having to be in Washington, D. C., in connection with his duties as attorney for the East Bay Municipal Utility District, found it impossible to continue in the line and resigned. This occasioned the appointment at the end of 1932 of two Stewards, Frank Alfred West and Robert B. Gaylord Jr.

At the stated meeting of January 7, only one petition for degrees was balloted on. During the year but four members were added by degrees. Two were restored and one was affiliated. Five members took out demits, three were suspended and 14 died. Membership at the end of the year was 898.

Past Master Don Frederick Harris, 1918, passed away on June 3, 1933, and the Lodge, in conjunction with Spanish War Veterans, conducted services for him June 5.

Durant Lodge paid a fraternal visit in April and conferred a third degree on an Oakland candidate. This visit was returned by Oakland Lodge in October when its officers raised a Durant candidate. The annual Ladies Night was held May 20 with Oakland Bethel No. 1, Jobs Daughters, exemplifying their initiatory work in the lodge room. The annual visit to the Masonic Home took place in August. On November 18 the coaches of Oakland Lodge, with Brother Willard Nutting acting as Master, conferred a third degree.

During the year the Masonic Temple at Twelfth and Washington streets underwent a face lifting. It was resurfaced with tiling to bring it into harmony with the rest of the downtown property changes along Washington street. The change did destroy an appearance that had been a landmark in the area since 1881.

At the election of December 2 Brother James N. Mosher, Senior Warden, finding it impossible to continue in the work of the Lodge owing to his

having to be absent so frequently in connection with his business, announced his resignation. The officers were advanced one station in the election and Brother Herbert John Thornbury, Junior Warden, was advanced to Master.

Closed installation was held in the Lodge room December 9 and Retiring Master Ralph Kurtz, assisted by Past Master William Huffman as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother Thornbury and his officers for the coming year. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Harold Meredith. The portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master Arnt Heidekker. Approximately forty members of the Oakland Police Department, of which Brother Thornbury was a member, were present to witness the installation.

. . . 1934 . . .

Insofar as membership was concerned Oakland Lodge was still feeling the effects of the depression, as were many other fraternal organizations. During the year there were only nine members added by degrees, one by affiliation and three restored to membership. On the other hand losses were heavy as 16 were claimed by death, 30 suspended for non-payment of dues and three demitted. At the close of the year 863 were on the membership rolls. During the year the Lodge officers were called on to conduct eleven funerals for members of the lodge and one for an outside lodge.

Worshipful Master Thornbury began his year by officiating at the funeral of Brother Joseph C. Goudy, a member of Oakland Lodge and well known to all members as operator of the elevator at the Masonic Temple.

On February 6 the officers and members were assembled at Scottish Rite Temple on Oak street to conduct funeral services for Brother John L. Davie, former Mayor of Oakland, who passed away February 2, 1934.

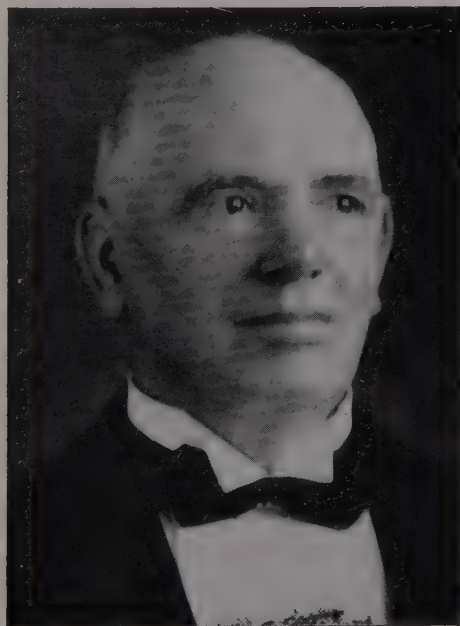
During the year fraternal visits were exchanged with Durant Lodge and Chateau Thierry Lodge. The annual visit was also made to the Masonic Home where a second degree was conferred on Brother Ira Reedy of the Oakland Police Department.

At the stated meeting of August 1 a fifty year veterans button was presented Brother W. Clay Smith by Past Master George C. Pardee. Brother

Smith was totally blind and was brought from the Masonic Home where he had been a guest several years.

A third degree was conferred on Past Masters Night. On the following meeting, November 24, Coaches Night, the ceremony was duplicated. Also at this meeting a fifty year veterans button was presented Past Master Frederick L. Arbogast by Past Master Sanford D. Diehl of Georgetown Lodge, No. 25.

Closed installation ceremonies were held December 12. Retiring Master Herbert Thornbury, assisted by Past Master George C. Perkins as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother Milton Hendrickson and his officers for the coming year. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master William Huffman. The portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master George C. Perkins and the class presentation was made by Brother Charles Walter.



HUGH JOHN WILLIAMS
SOLOIST

. . . 1935 . . .

In 1935 membership in Oakland Lodge continued its downhill slide, dropping at the end of the year to 828. During the year nine members, the same as in 1934, received third degrees. On the other hand 26 died, three took out demits and 15 were suspended, for non-payment of dues. The Lodge finances by 1935 were also at a low ebb. To help defray costs of refreshments served after every session of the Lodge during the year, a box was placed on the table at the entrance to the banquet hall to collect free will offerings from the diners. For the sake of economy the old "Million Dollar Quartet" was dispensed with but Brother Hugh Williams was retained as soloist for the Lodge.

During the year the Lodge was called on to conduct 19 Masonic funerals. Two of these were for Brothers who were the victims of traffic accidents. One was for Brother Jabez H. Harris, killed on the Bayshore Highway. The other was for Brother Samuel W. Bones, killed by a hit and run driver in Alameda.

At the stated meeting of March 6 which was the sixty-seventh anniversary of the granting of the dispensation of Oakland Lodge No. 188, the minutes of the first meeting under the dispensation, and the minutes of the first meeting under the charter were read. In the banquet hall lantern slides were shown of many old timers.

Ladies Night was held March 16 and Oakland Bethel No. 1, Order of Jobs Daughters, exemplified their initiatory work.

During the July vacation period the lodge room, occupied jointly by Oakland, Live Oak, Chateau Thierry and Fellowship Lodges, was redecorated. The seats were reupholstered and a new carpet laid by the Temple Association.

This year, too, marked the change in the meeting night of Oakland Lodge, which from the beginning had been Saturday night. On August 3 a resolution was introduced to change the night to Thursdays. This was voted down and instead a resolution was submitted to change to Wednesday nights. This was passed by a vote of two thirds of the members present. For the first fifty years the meetings had been held on Saturday nights because so many of the members were employed in San Francisco. Then, for a

short time, it was changed to Wednesday nights but was changed back to Saturday until the present voting.

Oakland Lodge members were called on to take part in another cornerstone laying on Columbus Day, October 12, when the cornerstone of the new County Court House was laid by Worshipful Grand Master Earl Warren. In addition to the officers of the Grand Lodge of California and Oakland Lodge, the ceremony was attended by the officers and members of the other Alameda County Masonic lodges.

Twenty-one Past Masters took part in Past Masters Night, Saturday, October 19. This was the last regular meeting of Oakland Lodge to be held Saturdays.

Wednesday night, November 6, was the first stated meeting to be held under the new program, which in 1968 is still in effect.

The annual Coaches Night was held November 27 with Head Coach William Horgan acting as Master, to confer the third degree on Brother George Norton, later to become Master in 1948.

Closed installation of officers was held December 11 with Retiring Master Milton Hendrickson, assisted by Past Master Arnt Heidekker as as Master of Ceremonies, to install Brother Melvin Lorenzo Graves and his officers for the year 1936. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master George C. Perkins. The portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master Russell Cowles and the class presentation was made by Brother Emanuel Bergstrom.

. . . 1936 . . .

The change of meeting night from Saturday to Wednesday made it impossible for Brother Theodore John Irwin of San Francisco, to continue as organist, a position he had held since 1930. Brother Walter R. Hadlock, a new member of Oakland Lodge, was appointed to the office.

Fifteen new members signed the by-laws during the year and two were reinstated. Three took our demits, 19 were suspended for non-payment of dues and 16 died. At the close of the year 845 members were on the roll.

Two Past Masters passed on in 1936 and Masonic services were held for both. Past Master Francis Ami Braun, 1922, died August 9 from injuries

received when struck by a truck in San Francisco. Past Master Thomas Irving Miller, 1911, Lodge Secretary since 1931, passed away at his home in Fruitvale at the age of 67. The brethren of Oakland Lodge, together with members of the Scottish Rite bodies and Knights Templar, gathered in Scottish Rite Temple August 15 to pay their respects to one who had served Masonry long and faithfully. The Masonic service was given by Worshipful Master Melvin Graves and the eulogy was delivered by Brother Herbert L. Breed of Oakland Lodge. Past Master Will Roy Hill was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Brother Miller.

Two fifty year veterans buttons were presented during the year. The first was to Brother Newton W. Koshier by Past Master Fredrick Arbogast and the other to Brother Thomas Edward Hunt, the presentation being made by Past Master Sophus Nelson.

Ladies Night was held September 23. Dorothy Hager, Honorary Queen of Oakland Bethel No. 1, Jobs Daughters, and her officers, exemplified their initiatory work. This was followed by refreshments and entertainment.

The eighty-seventh Communication of the Grand Lodge of California was scheduled to convene in Oakland October 12 in honor of Grand Master Earl Warren, Past Master of Sequoia Lodge. Owing to the unsafe condition of the Scottish Rite Temple it was transferred to San Francisco. Several members of Oakland Lodge furnished transportation for the visitors to the Masonic Home in Decoto on October 14. This was the last call on East Bay lodges to furnish transportation to the Home. Since that time this has been handled by buses furnished by the Grand Lodge.

Past Masters Night was held with Past Master Sidney F. Sea and Past Master George C. Perkins sharing honors in the East. Other Past Masters occupied the stations to confer the third degree on Brother Willus White. Past Master Arnt Heidekker gave the lecture and the charge was given by Brother Willus White, father of the candidate.

Closed installation was held in the Lodge room December 9, with Retiring Master Melvin Lorenzo Graves, assisted by Past Master Ralph Kurtz as Master of Ceremonies, installing Brother Frank West and his officers. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Arnt Heidekker and the picture of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master George E. Madison. The class presentation was made by Brother Jesse E. Foreman.

. . . 1937 . . .

The new Master took a pictorial step forward in modern typography as his first official act on assuming office. In the past the monthly Bulletin cover showed the view from Oakland across the bay, with no sign of bridges but with the Oakland Mole, the Key Route pier and Oakland Long Wharf projecting into the bay from the east shore. Brother West brought the Bulletin up to date by their removal and the inclusion of both the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge.

The year proved to be a busy one with 15 raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and one member reinstated. Losses were four by demit, four by suspension and 16 by death. At the end of the year there were 799 members.

One of the first funeral services conducted by Worshipful Master West was for Past Master James H. Maclafferty, ex-United States Congressman and ex-assistant to President Herbert Hoover, and poet. He passed away June 9, aged 66 years.

Rites for the next officer of the Lodge were for Brother Thaddeus Joy, for many years Tiler of the Lodge. He died September 1, after a lingering illness, aged 70 years.

The second Past Master to be called by the Grim Reaper was Past Master Harry T. Moore, 1914, Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army retired, who passed away September 9 after suffering a stroke of apoplexy in Paris, France. His body was returned to his home in Barrington, Ill. At the request of his family and Oakland Lodge, Masonic Rites were held by Streater Lodge No. 607.

Brother R. C. "Cliff" Durant, noted automobile racer and life member of Oakland Lodge, passed away at his home in Los Angeles, February 2.

The annual Fathers and Sons Dinner showed 185 present to enjoy the dinner and entertainment. Later in the year Ladies Night saw 150 present in the banquet hall. The annual visit was made to the Masonic Home and Durant Lodge paid its visit and conferred the third degree on an Oakland candidate. The Lodge also observed Public Schools Week by joining with other lodges of the 38th Masonic District in a visit to Technical High School.



PAST MASTERS NIGHT, CLASS REUNION AND ROLL CALL DINNER,
HELD AT ATHENS CLUB, OCTOBER 20, 1937.

The stated meeting of August 4 was designated George Pardee Night in honor of the Lodge's Senior Past Master who had just celebrated his eightieth birthday on July 25, 1937. A large number of friends were present to do him honor but the Governor was unable to attend, being confined to his bed. He sent his regrets. A letter expressing good wishes and signed by all present was delivered to Brother Pardee by Past Master William Macdonald.

As an innovation the annual Past Masters Night October 20, was combined with a class reunion and roll call of members at a dinner held in the Athens Athletic Club. A total of 314 members participated and 24 of the Lodge's 26 surviving Past Masters answered the roll, each Master introducing the members of his class. The banquet was followed by a floor show.

Earlier in the year Most Worshipful Grand Master Earl Warren and a corps of officers from the Alameda County District Attorney's office visited Oakland Lodge to confer the third degree on Brother Leonard J. Meltzer, one of their co-workers.

Closed installation was held December 8, 1937, the Lodge room with Past Grand Master Robert Gaylord installing his son Robert Gaylord Jr., as Master for 1938. Past Master Ralph Kurtz acted as Master of Ceremonies and presented the Past Master's jewel to retiring Master Frank West. The portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master Milton Hendrickson. The class presentation was made by Brother Philip S. Newton.

. . . 1938 . . .

During the year 1938 eleven members were raised and five restored to membership. Five took out demits and five were suspended. One was expelled by Masonic trial. During the year 20 were lost by death. At the close of 1938, there were 784 members listed.

Two Past Masters were called from our midst. On February 5 Past Master William Macdonald, 1909, died in his home in Berkeley. Masonic services were conducted at the request of the deceased Past Master by Past Grand Master Robert Gaylord.

On September 9 the Lodge conducted Masonic services for Past Master Charles Quayle, Treasurer of Oakland Lodge, who passed away in a local

hospital August 30. Past Master Melvin Graves was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Brother Quayle.

Prior to the stated meeting of February 2, 132 members assembled in the banquet hall to partake of a Dutch Treat Dinner and to listen to a talk on the inner workings of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Brother Henry Dietz of Live Oak Lodge, No. 61.

The annual Ladies Night was held April 2, followed on June 15 by Fathers and Sons Night. The annual visit was made to the Masonic Home and a second Dutch Treat Dinner was held September 7 at which Howard C. Welty, principal of Technical High School gave a talk on "Summering In Central America." On October 5 a fifty year veterans button was presented Brother Thomas Lindsay by Past Master Sophus Nelson, Inspector of the 38th Masonic District.

During Grand Lodge week no meeting of Oakland Lodge was held but the first degree was conferred on Brother George Estarziau of Oakland Lodge by the officers of the French Lodge La Parfait Union No. 17, at the Masonic Temple, Oak Street and Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco. There were 175 members of Oakland Lodge present and previous to the ceremony the officers were guests of La Parfait Lodge at dinner. The courtesy was returned November 27 at the Athens Athletic Club when Brother Estarziau was raised in Oakland Lodge.

Exchange visits were made with Durant and Chateau Thierry Lodges, at both of which degrees were conferred.

Closed installation ceremonies were held December 14 and Retiring Master Robert B. Gaylord Jr., assisted by Past Master Herbert Thornbury as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother William Henry Owens as Master, along with his staff. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Ralph Kurtz and the portrait was presented by Past Master Frank West. The class presentation was made by Brother Harold Speetzen. As Brother Gaylord was already a life member he was presented with an engraved Past Masters gold certificate which was presented by Secretary Wilfred Hill.



An item in the old minutes shows that at the close of 1888, Oakland Lodge No. 188 had a membership of 188 Master masons.

. . . 1939 . . .

During the year of 1939 there were 15 members added by conferred degrees, two by affiliation and one member restored to membership. But 22 were lost by death, three by demits and one by suspension. The membership totalled 761 at the end of the year. At the stated meeting of January 4 the sum of \$1,000 was received by the Lodge from the estate of Mrs. Anna R. Harris, mother of Past Master Don Harris.

A change in life memberships was made at the meeting held January 15 when the following resolution was adopted by Oakland Lodge, "that after January 15, 1915, the resolution of August 5, 1882, in reference to life memberships in Oakland Lodge be rescinded: this action it being understood in no way interferes with the rights of any member who joined after January 1, 1915, who wishes to avail himself of life membership." Under the ruling of August 5, 1882, any member who had paid dues for 25 years was entitled to a life membership. This, being retroactive, the year ending December 31, 1939, was the closing date for the 25 year period and up to that date all the Lodge's paying membership who came under the ruling, were at their request, transferred to the life membership list. This privilege was working a hardship on the Lodge and was rescinded by the Grand Lodge. It was closed to such membership December 31, 1939. The price of life memberships was continued at \$150.

One of the outstanding nights of the year was when the degree team of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company conferred the third degree on Brother Irid Collins chief load Disptacher for the company. In addition to the brethren of Oakland Lodge there was also present a large delegation of P.G. & E. employees. Brother Collins was destined to become Master in 1947.

Three brothers were presented with their 50 year veterans buttons during the year. Brother Arthur Hastings received his pin from the hands of Brother Herbert L. Breed. The button awarded Brother John Daniel Schaackey was presented by Past Master Sophus Nelson and the one to Brother Charles Edward Irving was presented by his son, Brother Leslie W. Irving, all on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Past Master William MacMurtry, 1910, who had served the Lodge for

many years as Chaplain, was paid honors Wednesday, March 15. At the raising of Brother Elmer De Lancy Jones he occupied the seat at the right of the Worshipful Master and was invited to give the lecture which he did in a most impressive manner. In the banquet hall Past Master John R. Sutton, 1917, Past Master Robert Gaylord, 1906, and the Rev. Frank Linder, Pastor of the First Methodist Church of which Brother MacMurtry was a member, paid glowing tributes to his long service and sterling character.

During the year the twentieth Ladies Night was held, the annual visit to the Masonic Home took place and Oakland Lodge paid its annual visit to Durant Lodge. A second Dutch Treat Dinner was held at which Brother Frederick Barbeau, Captain of Police, gave a talk on narcotics. Chateau Thierry Lodge visited and conferred a third degree.

At the stated meeting of August 2 a special program was held in the banquet hall celebrating the 82nd, birthday, July 25, of our Past Master George C. Perkins and the 58th anniversary of his membership in Oakland Lodge. A birthday cake with 82 candles was presented and carved by the guest of honor.

Twenty-three Past Masters were present at the Past Masters Night, November 22. Past Master George Perkins, 1930, shared honors in the East with Past Master Sidney Sea, 1925. The third degree was conferred on Brother Stuart Hedlund who was to become Master of Oakland Lodge in 1949.

Closed installation was held in the Lodge room December 13. Past Grand Master Robert Gaylord, with Past Master George Perkins as Master of Ceremonies, inducted Brother Willard Nutting and his officers for the year 1940. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Herbert Thornbury and Past Master Melvin Graves presented the retiring Master's picture. Brother Irid Collins made the class presentation. Brother William Gray, Senior Steward, having passed away October 19. Brother William Horgan was appointed Senior Steward and Brother Victor Davidson, Junior Steward.



At the stated meeting of August 7, 1880, a Sociable Evening was decreed. This was the start of our annual Ladies Night.

. . . 1940 . . .

During 1940 twelve members were added by degrees, one was restored, three took out demits, one was suspended and 22 were taken by death. At the close of the year the membership stood at 761. During the year the Lodge was called on to conduct 13 funerals. Among these was one for Brother David Wesley Davies who was drowned in the Russian River. Another was for Brother Eugene Van Court, purported to be the oldest court reporter in the United States. He passed away February 22 at the age of 83. He had received his fifty year button in 1936. He was also a noted wrestling authority and was a frequent referee at local and national wrestling events up to almost the time of his passing.

At the stated meeting of March 6 Brother H. F. Deaner of Alcatraz Lodge No. 244, spoke on "A Masons Word of Honor." His talk dealt with Masonry in Mexico and told of how the lodges of the East Bay, in 1894, had received and deposited in Mountain View Cemetery the heart of Dr. Ygnacio Herrera, martyred Brother Free Mason. He paid loving tribute to Brother Edwin A. Sherman of Oakland Lodge, who played a leading part in the recovery and getting the relic to this city. He also presented a framed picture of Brother Sherman which was ordered hung in the banquet hall.

At the stated meeting of April 3, Brother Ezra Decoto, Past Master of Live Oak Lodge, took the members, mentally, on a "Horse and Buggy Ride" through Alameda County in the early days. During the year the annual Fathers and Sons dinner was held as was the annual Ladies Night, and the annual trip to the Masonic Home. Thirty members also attended the annual Spring Breakfast in the Claremont hotel.

On May 6 Oakland Lodge purchased 50 shares of Masonic Temple stock from the estate of Mary S. Walker, widow of Past Master Wilbur Walker, at \$25 a share. Small purchases of this stock from time to time brought the holdings of Oakland Lodge to 1898 shares having a par value of \$40.

At the stated meeting of July 3 the Master and Treasurer were authorized to borrow \$2,000 to pay Grand Lodge dues and cover current expenses. The note for two years was secured by depositing 126 shares of Temple

stock. The Lodge at this meeting also received \$190 from the estate of Kate C. McGavin, widow of our late Brother Josias McGavin who died November 15, 1932.

A resolution was introduced August 7, to raise the life membership to \$250 and to reduce the affiliation fee from \$25 back to one dollar. When this came to a vote in September at the stated meeting the life membership advance was voted down by a small margin and the affiliation reduction fee approved.

Also at the August 7 meeting a 50 year veterans button was presented Past Master Charles Edwin Keyes by Past Master Sophus Nelson, Inspector of the 38th Masonic District. In the banquet hall birthday cakes were presented Brother Keyes, who was born August 31, 1855, and Past Master George C. Pardee, who was born July 25, 1857.

The annual visit to Durant Lodge was made and Chateau Thierry Lodge paid its annual visit and conferred the second degree on Brother Artie Clark. Annual Coaches Night was held and a third degree was conferred.

On November 20 the Lodge was visited by the degree team of the Oakland Tribune who conferred the third degree on Brother Frank Kester, Marine Editor of the Oakland Tribune. The degree team from Lake Merritt Post, American Legion, was also in attendance.

Twenty-two Past Masters of Oakland Lodge were present the night of November 27. Past Master Milton Hendrickson shared honors in the East with Past Master Fredrick Arbogast. The third degree was conferred on Brother Artie Clark who was to become Master in 1956.

Closed installation ceremonies were held December 11 with Retiring Master Willard Nutting, assisted by Past Master Milton Hendrickson as Master of Ceremonies, installing Brother Owen Henry Robertson and his staff. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master George C. Perkins and the portrait of the retiring Master by Past Master William H. Owens. The class presentation was made by Brother Frank Kester.



In the early years of Oakland Lodge Life Memberships were \$100. If the purchaser demitted fifty per cent, or \$50 was returned. If he died the entire amount was to be paid his widow or orphans.

. . . 1941 . . .

The year 1941, starting out in tranquility, was destined to be tumultous, not only in world affairs, but in Oakland Lodge's own circle as well as in the Masonic fraternity.

During the year nine candidates were raised and one joined by affiliation. Four were restored to membership. Three took out demits, five were suspended and death called 15. The membership at the end of the year numbered 751.

In August and September Oakland Lodge was dealt a series of severe blows. The first was the passing of Worshipful Master Owen Henry Robertson on July 30, followed closely on September 1 by the death of the Lodge's beloved Senior Past Master George C. Pardee. This was followed on October 26 by the death of Past Master Charles Edwin Keyes.

Brother Robertson was spending a vacation on his ranch in Tulare county. There he contracted Tularemia, or rabbit fever. After lingering under the effects of the disease for ten days he passed away in a Los Angeles hospital, the first Master of Oakland Lodge to die while at the head of the Lodge. His body was brought to Oakland and on August 2 the Brethren assembled in Scottish Rite Temple where with solemn formalities of the Craft, services were conducted for our departed Master. Past Master Willard Nutting conducted the rites.

Past Master George Cooper Pardee, Master in 1891, passed to his eternal reward at the age of 84 years, one month, in his home, 672 Eleventh Street, where he had lived since 1868. Services were held in the Masonic Temple September 3 with Past Master William Henry Owens officiating. The service was concluded by the Rev. Clarence Reed, Pastor of the First Unitarian Church.

Past Master Charles Edwin Keyes passed away at his home, October 26 at the age of 86 years. He was Master in 1907. He had served 21 of his 57 years in school work as principal of Oakland High School where he was affectionately known as "Daddy" Keyes. Past Master Willard Nutting officiated at the Masonic rites which were concluded by the Rev. Clarence Reidenbach of the First Congregational Church of which Brother Keyes was a member.

Earlier in the year, February 5, Brother Frank B. Hartman, superintendent of the Masonic Home, died at the age of 74 years. His rites were conducted at the Home by the officers of the Grand Lodge. Brother James Eubanks, of San Mateo Lodge No. 226, was appointed superintendent.

Brother John Witcher, for thirty years Secretary of the Grand Lodge died March 31 at the age of 85 years. A delegation from Oakland Lodge attended the services conducted in San Francisco by the officers of the Grand Lodge of California.

One of the nights long to be remembered in Oakland Lodge was January 8 when the fifty year veterans button was presented Brother Seminiti Julius Hirsch, M.D., who had celebrated his one hundred and fourth birthday on December 25, 1940. He was raised in Oakland Lodge, January 10, 1891, and was purported to be the oldest Master Mason in the United States. He was not long to enjoy his veterans button for on August 4, while crossing the street near his home, he was struck by an automobile and almost instantly killed.

The next blow to strike, not only Oakland but the nation as well, was the sneak attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor, December 7, the day that was to plunge the United States into World War Two. On that day the United States suffered the worst naval disaster in its history when the Japanese, without a declaration of war, attacked the big Honolulu naval base and immolated the Pacific fleet. Up to that time the United States held back from declaring war on Germany. But with the attack on Pearl Harbor Congress declared war both on Germany and Japan. The population at once prepared to meet the stringent demands of war times.

Oakland Lodge joined the other lodges in subscribing a levy of three cents a member to the program of the Masters and Wardens Association for the clubhouse for enlisted men at the Alameda Airport.

Senior Warden John Alden Stohr assumed the duties of Master following the passing of Worshipful Master Robertson. In August the Lodge was the recipient of \$1863.50 from the estate of Elizabeth Klotz, widow of our Brother Louis Klotz.

In September Oakland Lodge paid its annual visit to Durant Lodge and conferred a third degree on one of its candidates. On October 22 the Annual Coaches Night was held with Brother Tim Chu, head coach, and

members of the team conferring the third degree on a candidate. Past Masters Milton Hendrickson and William Henry Owens shared honors in the East on Past Masters Night, November 26. Twenty-five Past Masters were present. In the banquet hall, Past Master Willard Williamson, now Senior Past Master, was speaker of the evening.

Closed installation ceremonies were held December 10. Past Master Willard Nutting, assisted by Past Master Melvin Graves as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother John Alden Stohr, acting Master, as Master. There was no Past Masters jewel presented this year. A portrait of our lamented Past Master Owen Henry Robertson was presented by Past Master Fredrick Arbogast. The class of 1941 announced it had made an appropriate gift to the widow of Brother Robertson at her home on Thomas street.

. . . 1942 . . .

The year found the United States in the thick of World War Two. There was an instant response from the members of Oakland Lodge and by the end of the year 1943 there were 41 Brothers of the Lodge who responded to the call to the colors and were serving their country in various branches of military service. The Grand Lodge announced it was issuing certificates to all Masons in the armed services.

Worshipful Master John Stohr appointed a committee of the Senior and Junior Warden and the Senior Deacon to be known as the War Service Committee. The duty of this committee was to keep in touch with the families of members of the lodge called to service and to report the needs of those deprived of heads of families. Fortunately a survey showed there were no cases of want caused by the war in our member's families.

Grand Lodge also, as in the first World War, established a Masonic War Relief Fund to meet such demands as might arise. The designated quota for Oakland Lodge was \$755, or \$1.00 per capita of membership as shown in the last annual report.

During 1942 Oakland Lodge added 27 members by degrees, two by affiliation and two restored. Three members took out demits, seven were

suspended and 27 lost by death. The membership stood at 746 at the end of the year.

Air raid alarms were common throughout the year and our Temple was conditioned for blackouts in order that sessions might not be disturbed. It was also announced by the Master that any member caught in a blackout on his way to Lodge and detained until 10 o'clock, would be excused and should return to his home when the alarm was lifted.

To Brother Ralph LeRoy Lewis went the distinction of having a portion of his degree conferred on him during a blackout. The alarm occurred February 18 at 9 p.m., and lasted for 24 minutes. Junior Warden John G. Evans, acting as Master, conferred the Fellow Craft degree on Brother Lewis.

In January Brother Frederick Luther Arbogast Past Master of Nevada Lodge and affiliated with Oakland Lodge since February 1, 1919, was taken by death. During the years that Brother Arbogast had been a member of Oakland Lodge he had endeared himself to all by his kindness and his willingness to perform services for the lodge. The brethren gathered for Masonic services at Chapelle Piedmont with Past Master William H. Owens officiating.

Prior to the stated meeting of February 4, a Dutch treat dinner was held and Brother Frank Kester gave a talk on "Indian Trails." At the stated meeting of March 4 Brother Douglas Evey of Fellowship Lodge gave a talk on "Fire Prevention During Blackouts."

On March 25, Past Master Cliff Irish and the degree team of the Oakland Tribune conferred the third degree on Brother Joseph Walter Frates, Oakland editor of the Chronicle.

At the stated meeting of June 3 the note for \$2500 contracted in 1940 was paid and the Masonic Temple stock given as security was returned to the Lodge.

On August 12, Saturday, four candidates received their third degree in the afternoon. In the evening John Keating Master of Yerba Buena Lodge and the Keel Club degree team conferred a third degree. Another third degree was conferred on Coaches Night, October 21, by Stuart Hedlund, head coach, and his team.

Brother Julius Taylor was presented his 50 year button November 18

by Grand Lodge Inspector Sophus Nelson. On November 25 the Past Masters conferred a third degree. In the banquet room Ensign Bernard Cavanaugh of the British Navy, spoke.

Owing to dim out regulations, shortages of tires and gasoline, the visit to the Masonic Home was cancelled. War restrictions on travel were stringent.

Open installation was held in the Lodge room December 16. Retiring Master John Stohr, assisted by Past Master Frank West as Master of Ceremonies, installed William John Kitto and his officers of 1943. Past Master William MacMurtry, who was to have been installed as Chaplain for the 31st time was unable to be present because of illness. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Melvin Graves. Past Master Robert Gaylord, Jr., presented the portrait of the retiring Master. Brother Joseph Walter Frates made the class presentation.

Visits between Oakland Lodge No. 188 and Durant Lodge No. 268, started in 1883 when Nathan B. Hoyt was Worshipful Master of Oakland and George B. Metcalf of Durant Lodge. This is said to be the longest unbroken series of visitations in the California Grand Lodge jurisdiction, and possibly in the entire United States. Not a year has been missed.



When the Romans under Trajan captured Jerusalem they completed the looting of King Solomon's Temple. His victory column in Rome shows one of the trophies, the seven branched candelabra, being carried in his victory parade. This, however, was probably the one placed in the temple at its rebuilding when the Jews returned from their Babalonian captivity.



In the year 586 B.C., King Nebuchadnezzar the Chaldean conqueror, captured Jerusalem and again the temple was ransacked and the pillars Boaz and Jachin were removed and the temple remains burned.

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MEMBERS OF OAKLAND LODGE IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY

Alborell, Talbert L.	Army	Lindquist, Gordon B.	Coast Guard
Asquith, John Dudley	Army	Manke, Robert S.	Navy
Bennetts, Samuel C.	Merchant Marine	Nelson, Mauritz M.	Navy
Biggs, A. Randall	Navy	Notley, Alvah F.	Air Force
Bowen, Frederick T.	Navy	Pearl, Jesse Gordon	Army
Cannon, Walter D.	Air Force	Petersen, Fred A.	Navy
Clay, B. Wesley	Dental Surgery	Pope, Elliot	Army
Clayton, Jack T.	Army	Rolfsness, Edwin S.	Navy
Cummings, Francis L., Jr.	Army	Reynolds, Albert F.	Coast Guard
Dixon, George M.	Army	Siprut, Joseph M.	Navy
Eaton, Frank S., Jr.	Navy	Stowell, Tommie E.	Army
Erickson, Gustav	Army	Turner, Guy Matthew	Air Force
Goedeck, Preston E.	Sea Bees	Wendt, Stephen T.	Army
Gotelli, Harold D.	Navy	West, Harold B.	Marines
Hamberg, Nels Arvid	Army	Wilson, Cecil C.	Navy
Hermle, Leo D.	Marines	Wulfert, Eric	Air Post Office
Hunt, Chester R.	Army	Zwall, Lloyd M.	Army
Jones, H. Truxton	Navy	Burnett, Frederick J., Jr.	E. A. Only
Kilbourne William H.	Coast Guard	Price, Everett Brown	E. A. Only
Lewis, Ralph Le Roy	Navy	Wulfert, Raymond Harold	E. A. Only

At the installation of Brother Charles Ott as Master, December 28, 1895, Brother Edwin A. Sherman, veteran of the Mexican War and founder of the Oakland Consistory of Scottish Rite, presented Brother Charles Gillett, the Lodge Tiler, with his sword which he had carried in Mexico, as a weapon to keep off cowans and evesdroppers.



One of the most recent customs of Oakland Lodge is the conference of the Knife and Fork Degree, conferred on the newly raised brother in the banquet hall after regular meeting. The crossed knife and fork, suspended from the candidate's neck, came from the old Masonic Home.



According to Scripture, King Solomon's Temple was completed about 980 B.C. Five years after King Rehoboam ascended the throne in 956 B.C., "it came to pass that Shisak, King of Egypt came against Jerusalem, and he took away the treasures of the House of the Lord and transported them to Egypt."

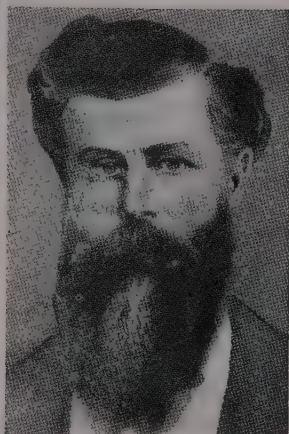
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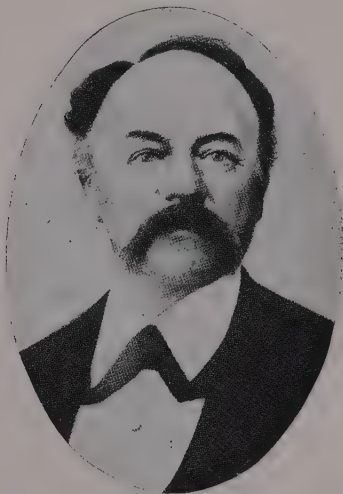
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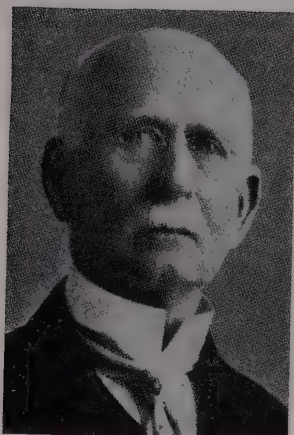
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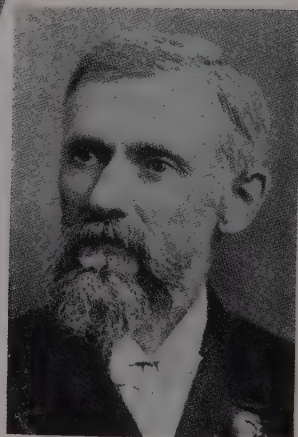
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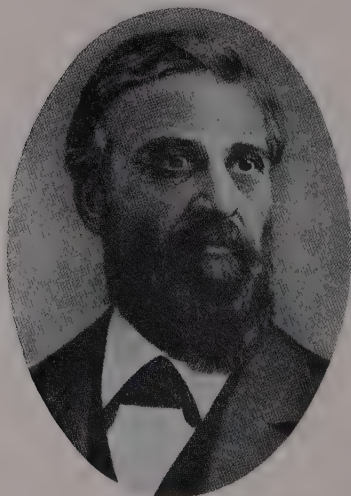
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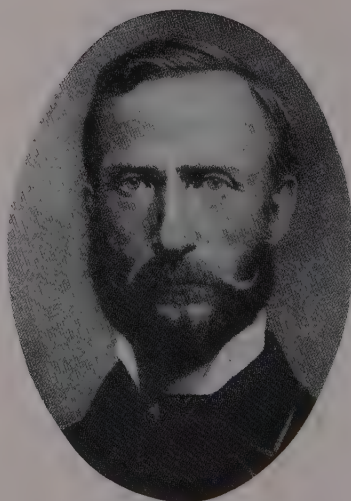
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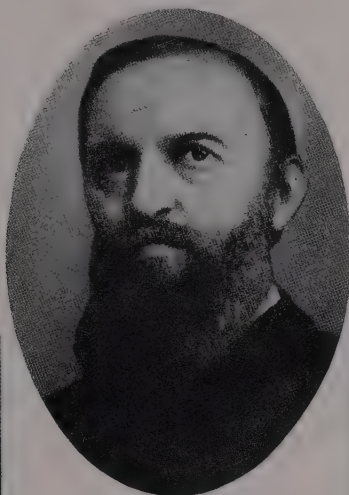
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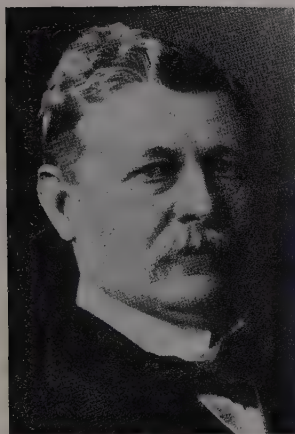
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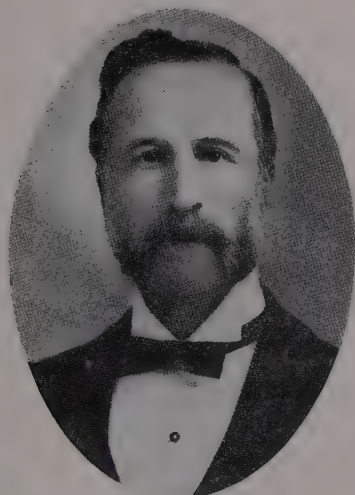
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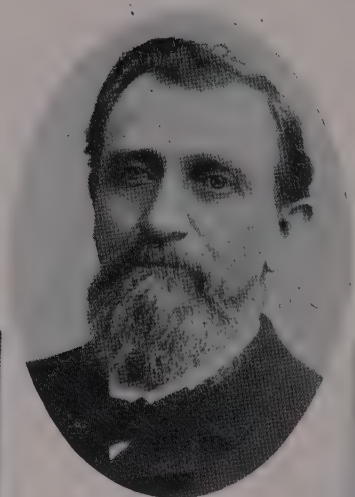
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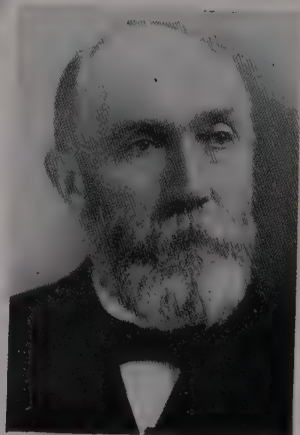
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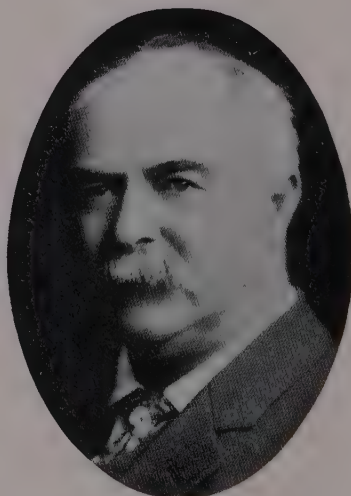
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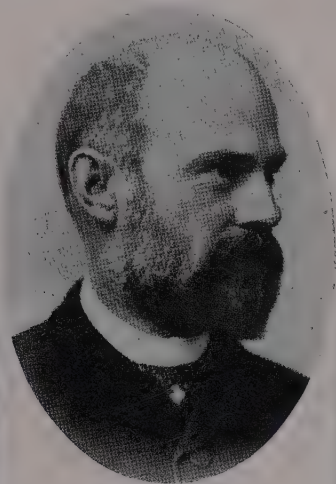
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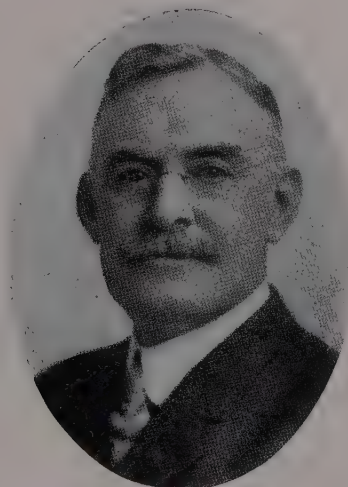
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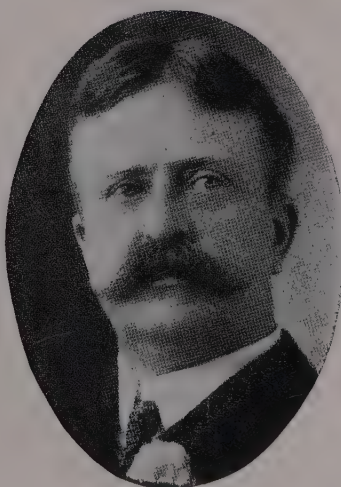
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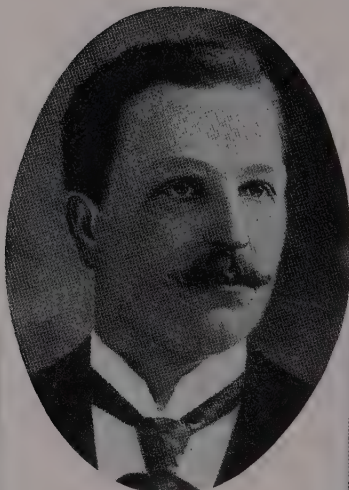
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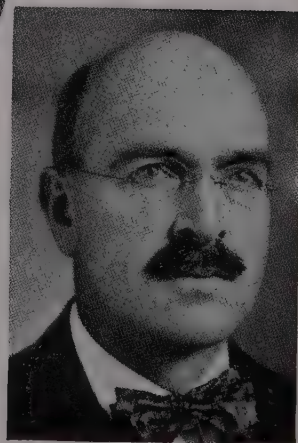
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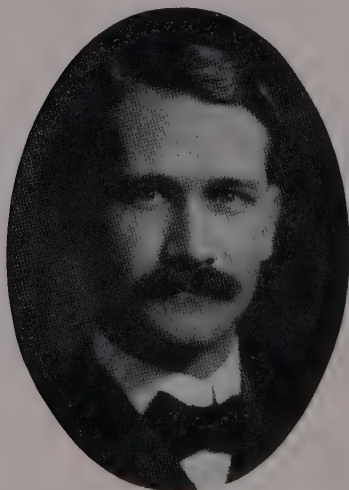
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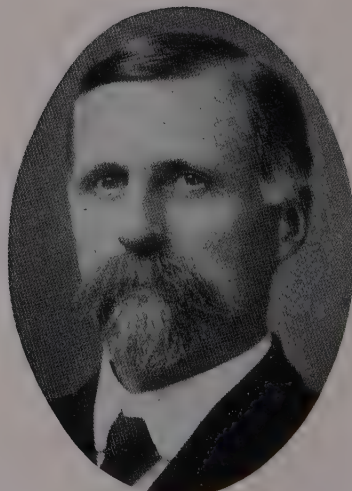
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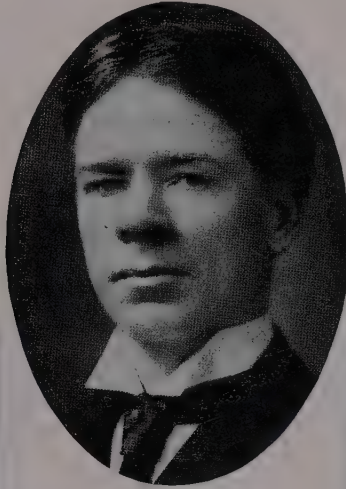
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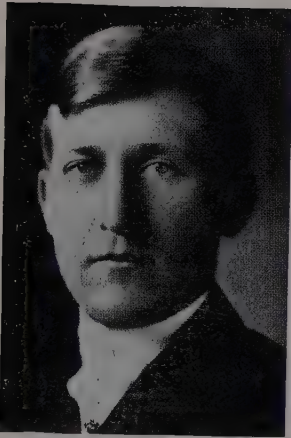
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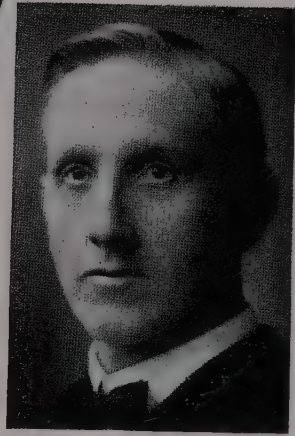
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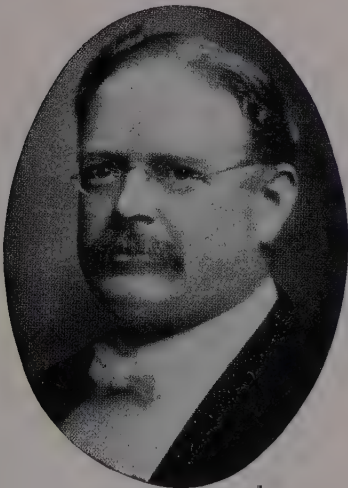
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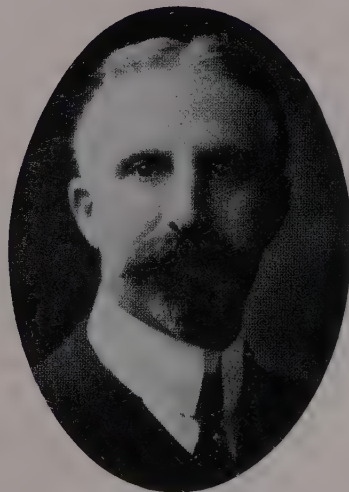
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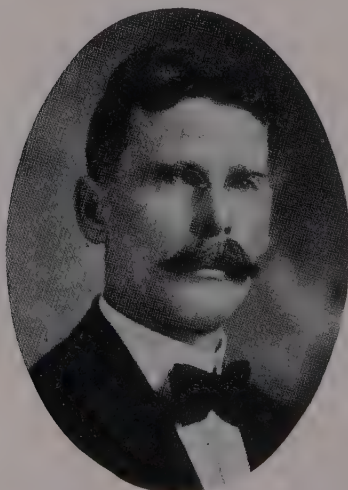
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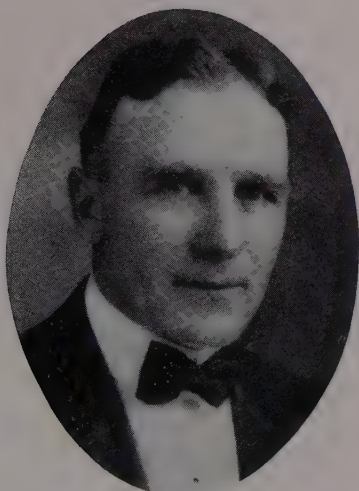
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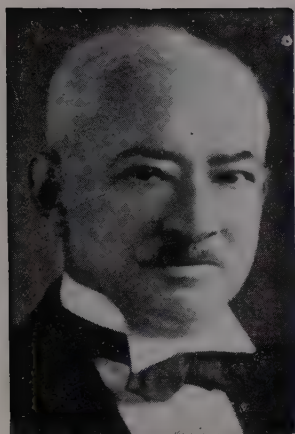
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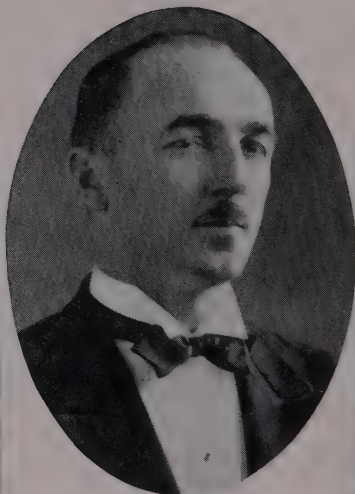
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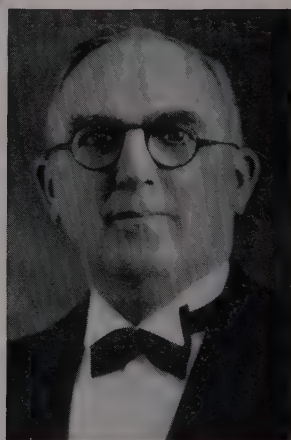
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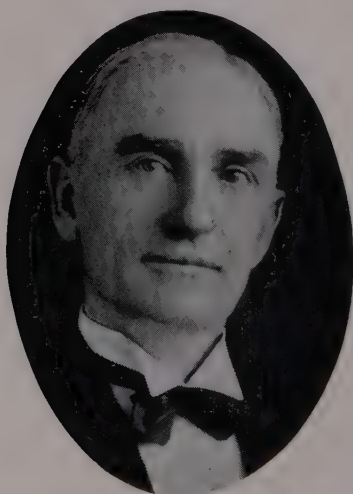
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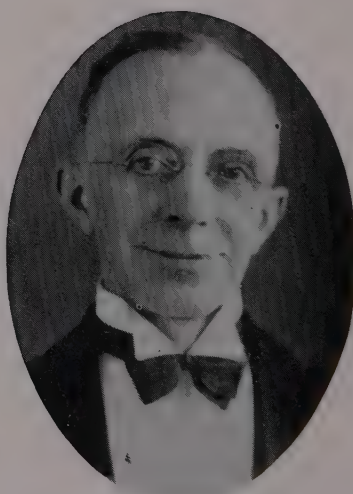
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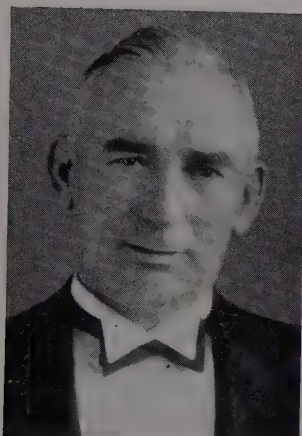
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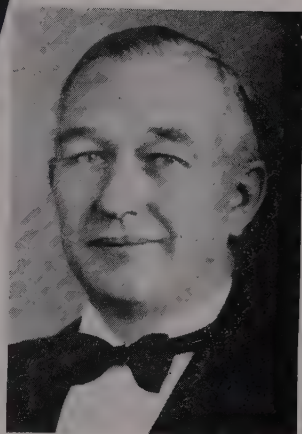
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ROBERT B. GAYLORD
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WILLIAM H. OWENS
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WILLARD H. NUTTING
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OWEN H. ROBERTSON
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JOHN ALDEN STOHR
1942

Four Oakland Lodge brothers have served as Grand Masters of the California Grand Lodge. Several others have also held high Grand Lodge offices. Several were awarded high national Masonic office in both Knights Templar and Scottish Rite.



One of the World's largest telescopes is situated on the top of Mt. Hamilton. The mountain was named for the Rev. Laurentine Hamilton, a member of Oakland Lodge and for several years its chaplain. He guided the first California Geological Survey to its summit in September, 1861.



In 1881 it was suggested by Brother James Dodd that a committee be formed among the lodges to form a Masonic Board of Relief. This was officially done on September 5, 1884.



. . . 1943 . . .

William J. Kitto

The Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Oakland Lodge No. 188, opened just as had the Fiftieth Anniversary, in a world torn by global warfare. A total of 41 Brothers of Oakland Lodge responded to the call to the colors. The many shipyards about the bay worked around the clock. The Masonic Board of Employment reported that contrary to former years, it was hard to find men to fill the jobs rather than to find applicants.

The labor situation was reflected strongly in the increase in applications for degrees which began to pour in. At the first stated meeting of the year nine applications were received and four were elected to receive degrees. Special meetings to confer degrees were held on Saturdays during the year.

By September 1 the War Relief Fund donations of the Lodge reached a total of \$837 which was \$82 over the prescribed total. For this the Lodge was awarded a Grand Lodge certificate of Merit. At the stated meeting of October 6 the Master and Treasurer were authorized to purchase a \$500 Victory bond in the name of Oakland Lodge.

The observance of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of Oakland Lodge was to occur October 15. The Diamond Jubilee dinner was held in the Madison Street Temple on Saturday, October 16 with 200 members and a few invited guests, who sat down to a chicken dinner arranged by Past Master John Stohr and Brother J. Walter Frates under direction of the Master William J. Kitto.

Following the dinner Past Master Milton Hendrickson led the assemblage in community singing. Worshipful Master Kitto acted as toastmaster and introduced the guests of the evening, including a number of Masters



DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER—IN CELEBRATION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF OAKLAND LODGE NO. 188,
HELD IN MADISON STREET TEMPLE, OCTOBER 15, 1943.

and Secretaries of East Bay lodges. Brother Oscar Hager, on behalf of the class of 1918, presented the Lodge with two \$250 Victory Bonds. Speaker of the evening was Past Grand Master Robert B. Gaylord, Master of Oakland Lodge in 1906. His theme was "Masonic Charity," and he gave an interesting summary of the history of Oakland Lodge, bringing out many highlights of the past 75 years remembered by himself and other Past Masters and older members. William Williamson, Senior Past Master, 1904, was introduced and responded with appropriate remarks. Past Master Will Roy Hill, Secretary, gave two original poems and Brother Hugh Williams, accompanied on the piano by Brother Charles Besserer, sang a solo "I Love Life." This was followed by the showing on the screen of several old time pictures by Past Master John Stohr. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 with the singing of "God Bless America."

The records at the close of the 75th Anniversary year, October 31, 1943, showed that during the year 36 had been raised, five restored to membership and one joined by affiliation. Three took out demits, three were suspended and 16 were lost by death. The membership at the end of the year stood at 767.

War restrictions blocked the annual observance of Public Schools Week and the visit to the Masonic Home was not held. However, the Annual Ladies Night and Fathers and Sons Night were held. On May 19 Durant Lodge paid its sixtieth annual visit. The visit was returned by Oakland September 24.

News was received March 16 of the sudden death of Past Master Howard Nelson Mosher, 1916, at Murphys, California, where he had resided for a number of years. At the request of Oakland Lodge, gravesite services were held by Ophir Lodge of Murphys on March 18.

Brother William F. Ewing, Superintendent of Oakland Schools, passed away March 31. He had been Steward of Oakland Lodge in 1918 but dropped out of the line when transferred as Superintendent in Pasadena. His services were conducted in the First Presbyterian church of Oakland of which he was a member.

An interesting event occurred at the meeting on April 21 when the Worshipful Master conferred the third degree on his son Charles William Kitto and on his son's life-long friend Nels Arvid Hamberg. At the same

meeting Brother Harry W. Pulcifier was presented his 50 year veterans pin by Past Master Sophus Nelson, Grand Lodge Inspector.

On June 23 the degree team of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company visited the lodge and conferred the third degree on a company employee.

Brother Spencer Kline Irish was presented with his 50 year veterans button by his son Clifford Irish, Past Master of Sequoia Lodge No. 349.

The Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Marshal and Past Master John Stohr attended the opening of the 94th Annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge in San Francisco, after which they conducted funeral services for Brother Armand Weill who had passed away in San Francisco shortly after returning from Honolulu. Worshipful Master Kitto officiated.

At the annual Coaches Night, October 20, Head Coach Rue Sims and Brother George Nesbitt divided honors in the East. Brother Oscar Hagar delivered the lecture to the newly raised Brother.

On October 27 a degree team of Southern Pacific Company employees conferred the third degree on Brother Roy Young, Master Car Repairer of the company. In the banquet hall Rex E. Hallawell, Superintendent of Transportation of the SP, and a member of Oakland Lodge, gave a talk on "War Time Transportation." The gathering was arranged by Brother Victor Davidson, Senior Deacon, and also an S.P. employee.

One of the busiest meetings of the year occurred on Saturday, October 30, when the Lodge convened at 1 o'clock and during the afternoon and evening conferred the third degree on four candidates thereby closing the Anniversary Year activities.

The year had been a strenuous one in many ways and the committee of arrangements for the Anniversary, consisting of Past Master John Stohr, J. Walter Frates, Rue Will Sims, Treasurer Melvin Graves and Secretary Will Hill had their hands full. Main trouble came from war time restrictions which made it almost impossible to overcome food rationing, or to get a caterer willing to take over the task of preparing the Anniversary dinner. On account of the shortage of paper it also became a problem of finding a printer who could promise delivery of the Seventy-Five-Year History of Oakland Lodge on time. But by their perserverance the committee managed to surmount these difficulties.

In the year just closed 44 candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and one was received through affiliation. Seven were restored. However, two demitted, three were suspended for non-payment of dues and death claimed 22 members. Membership at the close of the year numbered 771 Master Masons.



A bid of \$250 was received October 6, 1906, for repair of the Past Masters portraits damaged by the earthquake. It was moved that all portraits conform to the style followed by Live Oak Lodge.



A gold altar was presented Oakland Lodge, February 6, 1886, by Brother D. Henshaw. It was later placed in the lodge vault.



WILLIAM SAMUEL MACMURTRY

Master of Oakland Lodge 1910

LODGE CHAPLAIN

1912-1943

TOWARD THE CENTURY MARK

. . . *The Look Ahead*

With the start of the year 1944 Oakland Lodge No. 188 was well launched on its way toward its One Hundreth Anniversary in 1968. In the 25 years ahead the Lodge, as well as the country was to see many changes. The life we had heretofore known was due to be drastically changed. Growing population was to bring about serious labor, housing and supply dislocations that would not be helped by the coming of automation. The country was also to be on the threshold of the Atomic Age which was to bring about great good or great evil to the world. Man would reach out and contact other planets in our universe and science would become a governing factor in our daily lives. The old, easy going life that the older members of our order knew departed leaving the way open for our younger members to step forward and create anew with the tools handed them by the scientists.

As our fourth quarter of a century opened we found ourselves in the thick of another World War in which, before it was over seventy-two of our brothers of Oakland Lodge were to don uniforms. This was to be followed shortly by the Korean conflict, a full scale war, even though designated by President Harry Truman as a "police action." Hardly had that ended than the United States found itself involved in another undeclared war in Viet Nam.

Here at home we were to see civil rights laws passed which were to be followed by racial demonstrations in all parts of the nation, demonstrations which we in California were not to escape. All indications pointed to the fact that we were in a period of further turmoil.

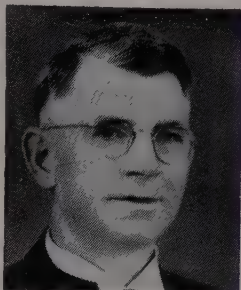
California, which started as a state in 1850 with a population of 92,597 persons, by 1950 reached a population of 10,586,225 persons and with an added 5,000,000 more by 1960. Oakland by 1950, had reached a population of 384,575 residents and Alameda County had topped 886,661 persons. Then followed a population explosion that was to place California first in the nation ahead of all other states.

The year 1944 affected the Masonic Fraternity as it did all other lodges in the state. The report of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California for July 1, 1944, stated that only one new lodge had been formed, the first though, since 1940. The Grand Lodge records also showed that to that date the Masonic Lodges of California had raised 16,601 to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Another 11,646 had been passed to the degree of Fellow Craft and 13,216 had been initiated Entered Apprentices. During the first half of 1944 an additional 1,576 had affiliated with California Masonic lodges and 1,057 had been reinstated. But the loss column showed that 2,433 had been taken by death, 937 had withdrawn, 629 had been suspended for non-payment of dues and nine had been expelled. The total number of Master Masons at that date in California Lodges numbered 138,738 members. At the end of the fiscal year the Decoto Masonic Home reported 148 women residents and 129 men. Included were 13 married couples.

On the war front by June, 1944, the struggle took its turn in favor of the Allies. "D Day" saw the American, British and Australian forces smashing ashore on the French beaches and starting the drive toward Berlin. General MacArthur returned to the Philippines and our planes started unloading bombs on Japan itself. Then came the termination of the war with the dropping of the world's first atomic bombs.



The famed forest of cedars of Lebanon from whence came the timbers for King Solomon's temple, in 1968 has dwindled to 400 trees. However, Californians may still see some of these trees which were planted in the state Capital grounds in Sacramento. They are now of grand size.



. . . 1944 . . .

John G. Evans

Worshipful Master John G. Evans and his officers found 1944 opening on one of the busiest years of Oakland Lodge No. 188. The year was marked by a heavy increase in applications for degrees. Double sessions were held nearly every Saturday throughout the year and on Monday nights. The degrees were conferred by the regular officers of the Lodge, by our coaching staff and by visiting degree teams from other lodges and organizations.

At the stated meeting of January, Brother Aubrey L. Reid was appointed to succeed Past Master William MacMurtry as chaplain. The latter had died December 27, 1943, after serving Oakland Lodge long and faithfully. Brother Reid was installed at the stated meeting of February 2.

At the February stated meeting in the banquet hall, Past Master Markel Baer of Chateau Thierry Lodge spoke on "The Crisis for the Port of Oakland and the Oakland Airport."

The Seventy-fifth Anniversary history of Oakland Lodge was ready for distribution and Secretary Will Hill announced that the book would be sent free to all members.

On Saturday, March 25, Lodges of Master Masons were held both afternoon and evening. Three candidates were raised in the afternoon. Then in the evening, after returning from refreshment to labor, a fourth Brother had the third degree conferred by the visiting degree team of the Southern Pacific Company. Four days later the degree team from the Moore Drydock Company, headed by our Past Master Charles De Wolf, raised two employees of that firm as members of Oakland Lodge.

At the stated meeting of April 5 the banner roll of Brothers in the armed services of the United States was hung in the lobby.

Ladies Night was held April 12 with more than 200 members and guests being present. Public Schools Week was observed with a visit to Oakland High School. On Saturday, April 22, the degree team of the Pacific Telephone Company conferred the third degree on one of the company workers. On the same date three other Brothers were raised.

At the stated meeting of May 3, a letter was received, signed by 25 Masons, announcing they were contemplating petitioning the Grand Lodge for a lodge to be known as Allendale Lodge.

Durant Lodge paid its sixty-first annual visit to Oakland Lodge and raised a candidate. Worshipful Master Arthur Anderson presided in the East.

The Master and Treasurer of the Lodge were authorized to purchase another \$500 U.S. Government bond at the meeting of June 7.

Fathers and Sons Night drew an attendance of 160 in the banquet hall where community singing and marimba music were enjoyed.

At the meeting of June 21, Past Master Sophus Nelson paid tribute to the memory of Past Master Charles Capp DeWolf, 1932, who had answered the last summons June 19.

On August 2, Brother William G. Paden, Superintendent of schools in the city of Alameda, gave an interesting talk on "Oregon Trails," following the stated meeting.

On August 17 Eugene A. Freije was elected to receive degrees of Masonry in Oakland Lodge. But he received a sudden call to the colors and Worshipful Master John Evans requested that the Entered Apprentice degree be conferred by Chateau Thierry Lodge, which was done. The initiation was witnessed by Brothers William Horgan, Senior Steward, and Stuart Hedlund, Senior Deacon of Oakland Lodge.

A beefsteak dinner preceded the stated meeting of September 6 at which time the speaker was Lt. J. R. McMichael, Chaplain of the Officers Training Station in Alameda. His subject was "Present and Future Problems in China." In the meeting it was announced that 31 shares of Masonic Temple Association stock had been purchased from Mrs. Mary Munro, widow of Past Master Neil Munro for \$40 a share.

On September 20 the degree team from the Oakland Police Department and more than 30 Traffic Officers of the Department visited to raise Brother Lester Devine to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The lecture was delivered by Brother Neal Plunkett, Past Master of Plymouth Lodge 468, and the charge was given by Officer Robert Reid. At the dinner following talks were given by Chief of Police Robert Tracy and Captain Ira Reedy.

The sixty-first annual visit to Durant Lodge was made September 22 when a third degree was conferred on a Durant candidate. Thirty members of Oakland Lodge attended and Past Master George C. Perkins gave a stirring talk on the Constitution of the United States.

A lodge of Master Masons was held Wednesday, September 27, and the Alameda County Degree Team, composed entirely of Past Masters and under leadership of Brother Milton Hendrickson, conferred the third degree on Brother William Terry, Chief Jailer of the Alameda County Sheriff's office.

On Saturday, September 30, a lodge of Master Masons was held in the afternoon and evening. In the evening the degree team from the Southern Pacific Company headed by Past Master Victor Davidson of Oakland Lodge, raised two members of the company.

At the stated meeting of October 4 a letter was read from Samuel Worswick of the Masonic Board of Relief and Employment, stating that a moratorium of two cents per member had been declared on the per capita tax of all district lodges for support of the Board until further notice and that the tax would now be three cents instead of the former five cents a member.

A fifty year veterans button was mailed to Brother Charles Fredrick Fisher who was too ill to attend the meeting. He had been raised in Oakland Lodge October 6, 1894.

At the meeting of Wednesday, October 11, Worshipful Master John G. Evans appointed a committee of Past Masters William J. Kitto, Stuart Hedlund and Rue Will Sims to encourage greater participation in the blood donation program.

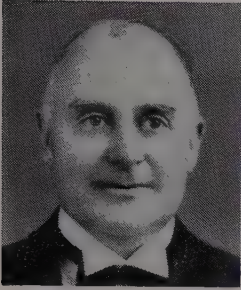
At the Coaches Night Sgt. Martin Nissen, son of Brother Frank Nissen, who had been shot down over the German lines and injured gave a talk on his experiences as a prisoner of war. He was still on crutches.

On October 25 the degree team of the Southern Pacific Company again visited the Lodge and raised two candidates of the company. The twenty-second visit of Chateau Thierry Lodge took place November 8. In the banquet hall Past Master Robert M. Ford gave a summary of the formation of Chateau Thierry Lodge, which he was instrumental in establishing in 1923. The Past Masters Night November 15, with Past Master Robert C. Gaylord in the East, saw 18 of the 26 living Past Masters present. A second visit was made by the degree team of the Oakland Police Department Masonic Club to raise another member of the Police Department.

Installation of officers for 1945 was held Wednesday, December 20. Retiring Master John G. Evans, assisted by Past Master William H. Owens as Master of Ceremonies installed Brother William Horgan and his officers. The retiring Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Robert Gaylord and the portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master William J. Kitto. The class presentation was made by Brother John C. Taylor.



Nine members of Oakland Lodge No. 188 have served as mayors of the City of Oakland. Two have been governors of California, two United States Senators. Others have served in the House of Representatives and many have held city, county, state and other national posts.



. . . 1945 . . .

William Horgan

The year 1945 opened with the United States and a great part of the world still engaged in the war but the scene soon shifted to the Pacific Theatre. With the collapse of Germany the Allies were now in position to turn their attention toward flattening out Japan. Iwo Jima was captured by a joint Expeditionary Force on February 19, followed by the invasion of Okinawa in the final land campaign of the war. On V-E Day, May 4, the German armies began surrendering with the final capitulation being signed May 7, 1945. With the switch to the Pacific field of operation the United States dropped the first atomic bombs the world had ever seen. The first fell on Hiroshima, August 6, the second on Nagasaki August 9. On August 14 Japan surrendered, the final ceremonies being held aboard the U.S.S. Missouri, September 2, 1945.

At the September stated meeting Secretary Will R. Hill reported that Oakland Lodge No. 188 had 72 members on the War Honor Roll.

The year 1945 was marked by a heavy increase in applications for membership in Oakland Lodge, particularly after the ending of hostilities. At the stated meeting of January 3 it was reported that the membership now totalled 863 members. During 1944 the Lodge lost 19 members by death. On the other hand 80 had been raised to the sublime degree and five joined by affiliation, while seven were restored to membership.

At the Pot Roast Dinner preceeding the regular meeting 140 sat down at the table in the banquet hall.

On January 17 the members were called on to take part in funeral rites for Past Master Sophus Nelson who had died January 14 at the age of 64 years. He had been raised in Oakland Lodge August 7, 1915, and was one

of the Lodge's most active members. At the time of his death he was Inspector of the 38th Masonic District.

Many extra sessions were held on Saturdays and Monday evenings during the year to care for the large number of candidates seeking degrees. Many were also conferred as a courtesy to other lodges.

At the stated meeting February 7 a Dutch Treat dinner was held and Don M. Follett, administrative assistant to the City Manager, gave a talk on "Oakland Plans for the Future." Brother James I. Zucker was also announced as head of the Lodge's softball team.

At the stated meeting March 7 it was reported that ten more shares of Masonic Temple stock had been purchased at \$40 a share. Treasurer Melvin Graves explained that it was the plan to consolidate all shares now held in private ownership into the lodges that were members of the association. Oakland's pro-rate was set at 45 shares at \$40 a share for a total of \$1,800. Our pro-rate on bond reorganization expenses which had to be paid, amounted to \$401.50, now due and payable. The members voted to complete the transaction. In the banquet hall the members were treated to a showing of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company film "Hydro," presented by Brother Irid Collins.

Brother Irving Hazeltine of Chateau Thierry Lodge, who had been appointed to succeed our late Brother Sophus Nelson as District Grand Lodge Inspector, made his first official visit March 28. He was introduced to the Lodge by Worshipful Master William Horgan.

At the stated meeting of April 4 it was announced that all stock in the Oakland Memorial Temple Association had been purchased from private individuals by the Masonic bodies, thereby becoming exempt from Government tax. The Lodge also joined the other lodges of the district in observing Public Schools Week at Oakland High School.

At the Lodge of Master Masons, April 25, special honors were paid Tiler John S. L. Parsons for his loyal service as keeper of the Outer Door since 1928. He was escorted into the Lodge room by Marshal William J. Kitto and seated in the East alongside Worshipful Master Horgan.

A fifty year veterans pin was presented Brother Walter C. Wilcox who had journeyed from Long Beach to receive the honor. The gold button was presented by Brother Irving Hazeltine, Inspector for the Grand Lodge.

Brother Wilcox, known as the "Masonic Orphan" because of his adoption by the Grand Lodge after his parents died when he was four years old and had been placed in the care of Past Master Nathan Spaulding, was raised in Oakland Lodge April 11, 1895.

Durant Lodge made its annual visit May 16 and in the banquet hall following the meeting Past Master Leo Titus of Durant Lodge gave a talk on the Peace Conference at the time underway in San Francisco.

A warning was received from the Defense Department of the Western Defense Command in Sacramento at the meeting of May 23, that the Japanese had been releasing ballons carrying explosive warheads. These had been floating across the Pacific for several weeks. The balloons were 33 feet in diameter, filled with hydrogen gas and required about four days to make the trip. Everyone was warned not to approach within 100 feet of the weapons and under no circumstances to touch them as they exploded easily. One picnic party in Washington state had found one and when it exploded several members of the party were killed or wounded.

The annual Fathers and Sons Night was held June 13 with 230 present. All meetings in June, except the stated one, saw 14 Brothers advanced. Because of war time restrictions the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was cancelled.

On August 14, 1945, the Japanese surrendered to the Allies. At the August 15 meeting word was received that Brigadier General Leo D. Hermle, U.S. Marine Corps, a member of Oakland Lodge, and said to be the most decorated member of the Corps, had been awarded the Navy Cross for extreme heroism at Iwo Jima. At the stated meeting of September 5, Secretary Will R. Hill announced there were 72 members of Oakland Lodge on the honor roll. At the same meeting Brother Hart W. North, life member, who had been raised in Oakland Lodge August 31, 1895, was presented with his veterans 50 year pin by Brother Irving Hazeltine, Grand Lodge Inspector.

At the stated meeting, following the Ham and Yam dinner October 3, the Grand Lodge announced that it would hold a one day meeting in the Masonic Temple in San Francisco, October 12. At the same meeting a motion was introduced to increase the salary of the Lodge Secretary from \$135 to \$150 a month.

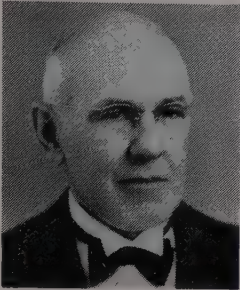
The first appearance of the Oakland Lodge Minstrels took place Sunday, October 14, in the auditorium of the Masonic Home in Decoto. The big show was directed by Brother Irid Collins and was loudly acclaimed. The second appearance of our thespians was held in the Lake View Junior High School before a large number of members and friends.

At the November 7 meeting the Lodge was presented with a life membership in the Masonic Memorial Temple Association. The Lodge members also voted to increase the salary of the Lodge Secretary to \$150. Seventeen Past Masters were present at their meeting with Past Master Melvin Graves in the East. Chateau Thierry Lodge paid its annual visit November 21. Exchange meetings were also held with Durant Lodge.

Election of officers was held at the stated meeting of December 5 and on December 19 Retiring Master William Horgan, assisted by Past Master Willard Nutting as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother Victor Davidson and his officers for the year 1946.



The cornerstone of the Temple at Twelfth and Washington Streets was placed January 10, 1879. Dedication was held December 27, 1880, and attended by the Grand Lodge officers of California and members of the Alameda county Masonic fraternity.



. . . 1946 . . .

Victor Davidson

The year 1946 started off with a sad note for members of Oakland Lodge for on January 4 they were shocked to hear that Wilfred Roy Hill, Past Master and for ten years Secretary of the Lodge, had crossed the Great Divide. Last Masonic rites, held January 8, were attended by a large number of Masonic Brothers and friends of our departed brother. He had been raised in Oakland Lodge June 13, 1894, and had served as Master in 1929. Not only was he one of the Lodge's most active members but he was also a poet of note. Worshipful Master Victor Davidson officiated at the final rites.

Melvin Lorenzo Graves, Past Master and Treasurer, was appointed to succeed Brother Hill as Secretary.

With the ending of hostilities of World War Two the membership of Oakland Lodge again began to increase and during the year many extra sessions were held to take care of all the applications for degrees. This was especially true of candidates for Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees. The roll at the end of the year showed a membership of 931 Master Masons. During 1946, 57 were added by degrees, four by affiliation and three by restoration. However, death claimed 17 members, eleven were suspended and nine left the Lodge by demit, giving the final total of 898, which, though, was a gain of 31 members over 1945.

Beginning with the February stated meeting, Brother John L. Kilday, chairman of the Masonic Employment Bureau, voiced a plea that was repeated a good part of the year, for jobs for Masonic brethren coming out of service. During the war the demand had been for workers and not for jobs of which there was an abundance.

An interesting feature of the meeting of February 27 occurred when the candidate Brother Neil Woods was raised in the second section by his father, Brother Melford A. Woods of Redlands Lodge No. 350. The annual Ladies Night was held March 16 and the members of Oakland Lodge observed Public Schools Week by visiting Oakland High School May 10.

The stated meeting of May 1 was made doubly interesting by Captain William S. Dodge of Alexandria Lodge 531, of San Francisco, with a talk "Masonry in the Philippines." His talk dealt mainly with the operation of Masonic brethren who had formed a band of guerillas and who were particularly anathema to the Japanese invaders. These took a sadistic delight in torturing members of the group when they were captured.

Durant Lodge paid its sixty-third annual visit and raised an Oakland candidate. The visit was returned later in the year. The annual Fathers and Sons Night saw 185 members and guests assembled in the banquet hall May 29.

At the June 5 stated meeting Brother T. Miller of Tonopah Lodge No. 28, was presented with his fifty year gold button from the Grand Lodge by Inspector Irving Hazeltine. He was raised in Oakland Lodge in 1895. Afterwards 150 sat down in the banquet hall to view movies of the East-West Shrine football game. Brother Sidney F. Sea also gave a talk on "The Symbolism of the Three Degrees."

The degree team of Berkeley Post, American Legion, visited Oakland Lodge to raise one of their comrades, Leslie Ray Head. Accompanying the group was Brother James Fisk, State Adjutant of the California American Legion. Past Master Harold Schulz of Henry Morse Stevens Lodge, occupied the East and Brother Neal Hayden of Chateau Thierry gave the charge.

The lodge hall of Yolo Lodge No. 31 of Yolo County, was destroyed by fire in June and at the stated meeting of July 3, Oakland Lodge voted \$25 to aid rebuilding. At the same meeting Brother Frank F. Jackson, raised in 1894 and affiliated with Oakland Lodge in 1902, was presented with his 50 year veterans button by Irving Hazeltine, Grand Lodge Inspector. He was a life member of Oakland Lodge.

The Lodge became possessor of an olive wood gavel from Jerusalem at the meeting of August 7. The gavel was obtained by Captain Vernon Himm and in the banquet hall he gave an accounting of its history.

On August 12 Worshipful Master Victor Davidson had the pleasure of conferring the Entered Apprentice degree on his son James Victor Davidson.

A baked ham dinner featured the September 4 stated meeting at which the brothers were addressed on "Negro Masonry" by Brother Albert Alexander of Sequoia Lodge. Brother Everett Sobey also presented the Lodge with a photo of the historic temple in Mendocino City with its carved statue symbolic of the Broken Column, the Weeping Virgin and Father Time.

Senior Deacon Stuart Hedlund, at the special meeting of September 11, surprised the members with a feed of Crenshaw melons from Woodland, a custom he has since perpetuated.

The Corps of the Del Monte Exemplifiers of the California Packing Corporation visited Oakland Lodge on September 11 to confer the third degree on one of the firm's employees. Past Master Fred Elliott of Charter Rock Lodge headed the Corps.

Two fathers had the great pleasure, September 18, of conferring the Fellow Craft degree on their sons. Worshipful Master Victor Davidson conferred the first half and Brother Ivan Sawdey the second. The sons were James Davidson and Ivan Sawdey, Jr.

The largest number of brethren present in Oakland Lodge in many years assembled September 25 when our Lodge entertained the Pacific Masonic Degree team of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Our Tiler John Parsons, a member of the firm, was specially honored by being seated in the East.

On Saturday, September 28, four candidates were raised in the afternoon and evening by degree teams of Chateau Thierry Lodge and the Railway Postal Mail Service. A check for \$10 was given Chateau Thierry for the Livermore Veterans Hospital. Movies from the War Department, showing films taken under battle conditions on Tarawa and Guam were shown. The annual Coaches Night was held October 23.

An amendment to the Lodge by-laws was presented at the stated meeting of November 6 raising the initiation fee to \$75 for the three degrees.

Twenty-two Past Masters were present at Past Masters Night, November 20. Past Grand Master Robert Gaylord and affiliated Past Master James Duthie were escorted to seats in the East where Past Masters William Munro and Russell Cowles shared the Masters station.

Election of officers took place at the meeting of December 4 with Brother Irid Collins being chosen as Master. Installation of officers was held December 11 when Brother Collins and his officers for 1947 were installed by Retiring Master Victor Davidson, assisted by Past Master William Owens as Master of Ceremonies. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Willard Nutting and the portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master John Stohr. The class presentation was made by Brothers James K. Wilson and Jim Victor Glenn.



September 17, 1878, a candidate for the first degree after interrogation, refused to conform to the ceremonies as had all candidates before him. He was turned away without ever seeing the interior of the Lodge.



. . . 1947 . . .

Irid Wayne Collins

An illuminating skit showing the proper manner of investigating an applicant for the degrees of Masonry was presented at the stated meeting of January 8, 1947, by Brother Harry Larkins, chairman of the Masonic Education committee, with the assistance of Past Master Milton Hendrickson and Brother William Stunnard. The meetings of January saw a large number of candidates being given degrees, most of them Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. Past Master John G. Evans had the pleasure of raising his son-in-law, Robert Corson, to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

February, like January, saw many applications received. At the stated meeting of February 5, 170 members and guests sat down to dinner and heard Past Master George C. Perkins give a talk on George Washington. In the meeting following a bulletin was received from the Grand Lodge announcing termination of the issue of War Service Certificates. At the meeting of February 26 Past Master Milton Hendrickson was privileged to raise his neighbor Haakon Norby.

A check for \$200 was received March 5, as a legacy from the estate of Brother Ludvig E. Stage who died September 26, 1945. Durant Lodge paid its sixty-fourth annual visit and raised an Oakland candidate. The visit was returned later when Oakland Lodge officers raised a Durant candidate.

An afternoon and evening session was held Saturday, March 29, in which five third degrees were conferred, four in the afternoon and one at night. The latter was given by the degree team of the Railway Postal Clerks, led by Past Master William Mathiewson.

At the stated meeting of April 2 Past Master Al C. Meadows of Fremont Lodge No. 497, was the speaker at the ham dinner preceeding the Lodge meeting. In the meeting plans were discussed for Oakland's participation in the Acacia Softball league and the matter was referred to Brother Walter Frates.

Ladies Night was held April 16 and featured the appearance of members of Golden Wave Chapter No. 103, OES. On April 30 two Fellow Crafts were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the Coaching staff. Grand Lodge Inspector Irving Hazeltine congratulated the team on its efficiency.

Public Schools Week was observed March 1 by a visit to Oakland High School. Twenty-three Past Masters were present on their night, March 28. At the June Fathers and Sons evening the members and their young guests were entertained by Johnnie Zunino and his accordion.

At the stated meeting of June 4 Past Master Sidney F. Sea was appointed to represent Oakland Lodge at the annual stock holders meeting of the Masonic Temple Association. The Lodge holds 1984 shares. Past Master Willard Nutting also gave a talk on Masonic history.

The meeting of June 18 proved to be one of the most colorful to be held by Oakland Lodge. The Southern Pacific degree team, headed by our Past Master Victor Davidson, raised Clair Fish, a fellow worker. In the banquet hall a corps of uniformed Southern Pacific dining car stewards distributed dining car menus to the diners and served a typical train service dinner. Brothers from as far away as Los Angeles attended the ceremony.

The 50 year veterans button of the Grand Lodge was presented Past Master Williamson at the stated meeting of August 6 by Worshipful Robert B. Gaylord, Past Grand Master, with Inspector Irving Hazeltine assisting. Brother Williamson was raised in Oakland Lodge July 31, 1897.

The corps of officers of the Pacific Service Club, headed by Brother Harry Oliver of Woodstock Lodge No. 491, of Alameda, and with Past Master L. H. Anderson of Palo Alto Lodge No. 346, appeared Saturday, September 6, and conferred the third degree on Brother William Agers. In the banquet hall Brother Ralph Fisher of Piedmont Lodge No. 521, spoke on community planning for the Bay Area. At the stated meeting of

September 3 Dr. Lawrence Cross, Mayor of Berkeley, spoke on "A Preacher in Politics."

At the September 10 meeting the members were indebted to Brother Stuart Hedlund for refreshments consisting of Yolo county canteloupes brought here for the occasion.

The Railway Mail Service brethren on September 27 conferred a third degree on one of their members. The Coaches team of Oakland Lodge conferred a third degree on October 15 and on October 26 the annual visit was made to the Masonic Home.

A resolution was introduced at the November 5 stated meeting raising the life membership to \$250. It was also voted that each new initiate would contribute one dollar to the George Washington Memorial Monument Fund. The life membership was passed by a vote at the December 3 meeting.

Installation of officers took place December 10 with Retiring Master Irid Collins, assisted by Past Master Milton Hendrickson as Master of Ceremonies, installing Brother George J. Norton and his officers for 1948. Past Master Willard Nutting presented the Past Masters jewel and the portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master Russell C. Cowles. The class presentation was made by Brother Robert Corson.



The latest custom started by the Lodge members was the adpotion of a theme song "Oakland Lodge 188," composed by Walter Hadlock, Lodge organist. It is now used to close the banquet room meetings.



THE SACRED FIGURE THREE

In the old testament it is very prominent. Three elements—earth, water, air. Three illuminations—sun, moon and stars. Three great Patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. Three divisions of the Book—the Law, the Prophets and Sacred Writings.

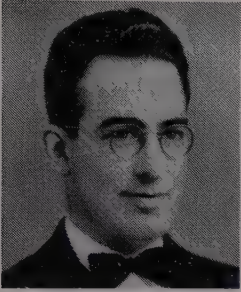
Jesus lived three decades and three single years. His ministry lasted three years. Three persons were involved in the Transfiguration. He was tried before three men. The three crosses. He remained three days in the tomb. Three great attributes—Faith, Hope Charity. The Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

In the realm of Masonry: Three primary degrees, three knocks, three steps, three-fold sign, three signs, three great lights, three lesser lights, three G.M.'s, three principal officers, three W.T.'s in each D., three peramulations, three steps in approach to A, three entrances to the T, three weapons, three men, three Lodges sent out to search, three methods were tried.

Three stages in life—childhood, maturity, old age.

Three duties—to God, to our neighbors, and to ourselves.





. . . 1948 . . .

George J. Norton

With the start of 1948 life in Oakland and the rest of California had once more settled into a normal pattern. On March 19 the Freedom Train arrived in Oakland to be greeted by thousands of school children and citizens. The train, guarded by a select company of U.S. Marines, carried many precious documents, including the original draft of the Declaration of Independence written by Thomas Jefferson. It also carried the famous Liberty Bell, and other relics.

The year 1948 also found California ranking fifth in Masonic circles with 958 Masonic Lodges and 183,328 Master Masons. New York ranked first. There were also 15,328 Blue Lodges in the United States with a membership of 3,397,972 Master Masons.

In Oakland the year was featured by the complete removal of all electric cars from our streets with the introduction of motorized buses. This was also the Centennial Year of the discovery of gold in California. Several of Oakland Lodge founding fathers, including our first Master Nathan Spaulding, played an important part in the activities of the state during gold rush days.

During 1948 membership in Oakland Lodge No. 188 showed a fine increase with extra lodge sessions being held Mondays and Saturdays in order to bring the large number of candidates to see the Lights of Masonry. At the first meeting, too, Worshipful Master Norton initiated the practice of presenting each newly initiated Brother with a Grand Lodge Certificate attesting to his participation in maintaining our Masonic Homes.

Ten candidates were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason during the year by degree teams from the Railway Postal Clerks, Pacific

Telephone Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Hellenic Square Club, Center Club of Oakland, Chinese Acacia Club, California Public Utilities Commission team and the Scout Masters Degree Team. In addition Oakland candidates were raised by the officers of visiting Durant and Chateau Thierry Lodges.

On January 3 Francis Reedy, former Captain of the Oakland Police Department and an active member of Oakland since October 20, 1934, passed away in Redding after a long illness. At the request of Oakland Lodge Masonic services were held by Redding Lodge No. 254 with a large delegation of Brother Reedy's friends from the Oakland Police Department attending.

A Valentine Party was held February 14 with a fine attendance of members, their wives and friends present. Refreshments were served in the banquet hall. At the meeting of February 18, Past Master John A. Stohr had the pleasure of initiating his son John, Jr., as an Entered Apprentice. On March 17 Past Master William H. Owens had the privilege of passing his own son as a Fellow Craft. At that meeting William Hye of Fremont Lodge, one of the official photographers of the Oakland School Department, showed pictures taken in Europe in World War Two. Notice was received April 7 of the intention of a group of Masons to form Orinda Lodge.

Linda Vista Park, in Mission San Jose, was the scene of a joint picnic of a large throng of Oakland and Oak Grove Lodge members on Sunday, May 9. Then, on Saturday, May 15, a group of Oakland Lodge members and wives made the trip to East Belt Lodge No. 391, in Tuolumne county. The members raised an East Belt candidate while the women were taken on a trip through the big lumber mill. In the evening there was a dance and on Sunday morning a breakfast at Sonora Inn. Again, on Saturday, October 23, Oakland joined with Oak Grove and Bay View lodges for a bay cruise from Fishermans Wharf, San Francisco.

Past Masters Night, May 26, found 21 Past Masters present. Past Grand Master Robert Gaylord sat in the East. John Owens, son of Past Master William Owens who also sat in the East, was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

The meeting June 30 saw 932 members in Oakland Lodge. Two third degrees were conferred. Then Brother Lt. Roy N. Bean showed the Navy film, "Life and Death of the Aircraft Carrier Hornet." Ladies Night, July 7, featured a bingo party in the banquet room.

The night of October 20 was another outstanding one for Oakland Lodge, being a Chinese Night. Dr. Chang Wah Lee, Past Master of Military Service Lodge No. 570, and members of the Chinese Acacia Club, conferred the third degree on Brother Dr. Charles Lester Lee. In the group was Dr. H. C. Mie, Past District Grand Master of China. The Master's lecture was given by Brother Tim Chu and the charge by Brother Robert Lym. A Chinese dinner was served in the banquet hall.

Oakland Lodge was host on October 27 to General Richard Mittelstadt, Kenneth Potter and Harold Huls, California Public Utilities Commissioners, and the degree team from PUC who had come to assist in the raising of Brother Ted E. Rogers, Safety Supervisor of the Commission. The Chanters of Aahmes Temple, 26 strong, were also present.

At the stated meeting of November 3 the 50 year veterans button of the Grand Lodge was presented Brother Arthur Corder by Howard Kuhlbach, Grand Lodge Inspector.

At the stated meeting of December 1, Brother Stuart Hedlund was elected Master of Oakland Lodge for 1949. He and his officers were installed by Retiring Master George Norton with Past Master William J. Kitto as Master of Ceremonies.

Membership at the end of the year was reported to be 940 members.



Past Masters Night was established in 1904. On that night the stations are filled by the Past Masters who generally raise a candidate to the sublime degree.



RESEARCH GLEANINGS

One of the strictest laws of Freemasonry is the rule that prohibits the solicitation of a candidate by any Mason. This law often gives rise to the question "What can a Mason tell a non-Mason about Free-Masonry?" First of all, Free-Masonry could be defined to such a person as a fraternal society which is based on certain moral and religious doctrines. The moral doctrines include Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and the religious doctrines comprise a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being and the brotherhood of man.

He might be told that Masonry is not a religion and does not require membership in any church as a condition of membership in a lodge. On the other hand, membership in any church is no bar to admission to Masonry. Another subject which could be discussed is the history of our fraternity and its evolution from the operative era. The history of our craft in America is no secret and the part which Masons played in the early history of our country is something of which we should all be proud. There are but few subjects concerning Freemasonry and the principles for which it stands which cannot be freely discussed with a non-Mason. You cannot of course, discuss anything concerning the ritual, or the nature of the ritual, nor the internal affairs of your lodge with a non-Mason.





. . . 1949 . . .

Stewart Hedlund

One of the most unusual talks to be given in Oakland Lodge was that of Commander T. R. Vogeley, U.S.N. who accompanied Admiral Richard E. Byrd to the Antarctic, in the talk on January 12 in the banquet hall he told of experiences, adventures and hardships of the scientists engaged in South Polar studies.

At the stated meeting of February 2, Lt. Hawkinson of the Oakland Police Department, gave a talk on crime conditions in Oakland. A baseball, carrying signatures of the members of the World Champion Cleveland Indians, was presented by Brother Gus Alfiers, manager, to Brother Charles Ziegler as the Oakland Lodge's teams most valuable player. On February 9 the Compass Club of the Oakland Naval Supply Depot degree team conferred a third degree.

The Lodge was packed to capacity on the night of February 16 for the Swedish Night Smorgorsbord dinner, staged under direction of Worshipful Master Hedlund. It was one of the largest gatherings ever to meet in the banquet hall. Mr. C. C. von Essen, Royal Vice Consul of Sweden, gave a stirring address, which was followed by Swedish dances and songs.

Visits were made by Durant Lodge during the year, as were also visits made between Oakland and Chateau Thierry. The Pacific Gas and Electric Company degree team made two visits to raise candidates. In addition, brothers were raised by the Past Masters and the Coaching team of the lodge. The Coaches Degree Team raised Andrew Graham who was to become Master in 1965. Leo Moore headed the team.

The stated meeting of April 6 was marked by the official visit of Most Worshipful Grand Master Edward H. S. Siems, accompanied by Francis

Keesling, P.G.M. Grand Treasurer; Lloyd W. Wilson, P.G.M., Grand Secretary; Albert Adams, P.G.M., Chairman of Public Schools Week; Charles M. Wollenberg, P.G.M., Chairman of Board of Trustees of Masonic Homes in California; Judge George Harvey, P.G.M., Jurisdiction of the Philippines, as well as other distinguished guests. The presentation of a gold 50 year veterans button to Past Grand Master Robert S. Gaylord, Sr., and Past Master of Oakland Lodge, was made in the presence of the Grand Officers by Past Master Willard Williamson of Oakland Lodge.

The thirtieth observation of Public Schools Week took place when Oakland Lodge joined with five other lodges of the District to visit Glen View School.

A dinner honoring Brother Lester Devine upon his appointment as Chief of Police of Oakland was held in the banquet hall June 1. On June 10 an informal social evening was held for members and their wives in the Brazilian Room in Tilden Park. The annual visit to the Masonic home was held August 27. Exchange visits were also made with Durant Lodge.

The Lodge's softball team was honored September 4 for having won the Acacia League championship for Oakland Lodge. Speakers at the meeting were Stephen E. Graham, Postmaster of Oakland and Walter "The Great" Mails of the Seals.

Constitution Month was observed September 21 when Judge Charles Wade Snook of the Superior Court gave a stirring talk on the Constitution and its framers. The officers and a number of members visited Henry Clay Lodge No. 95 in Sutter Creek, Saturday, September 24, and raised a candidate. The women were entertained at a garden party.

Past Master Robert M. Ford presided at the meeting of September 28 when his son Robert was raised to a Master Mason. At Past Master Ford's request most of the stations were filled by officers of 1923 when he himself was Master.

An interesting talk on Masonry in the Philippines was given on Coaches Night by Brother Robert Wheeler of Manila Lodge No. 1.

The Lodge ended its work for 1949, Saturday, November 26, with third degree ceremonies. At the Wednesday meeting November 30, Past Grand Master Edward Siems was present and raised Philip Joseph Grant,

thereby bringing to a close a most successful year, during which 25 candidates were raised to bring the total to 1004. But death took 23 Brothers and there were four suspensions and three demits. Three joined by affiliation giving a membership of 938 at the end of the year.

Installation of Brother Rue Will Sims and his officers for 1950 was held December 14 with Retiring Master Stuart Hedlund, assisted by Past Master George Norton as Master of Ceremonies.



The Oakland Lodge Players was formed in 1945 to present Masonic plays at various times. The first performance was given in the Masonic Home that same year.



BROTHER TILER

Perhaps the most unheralded, unappreciated and thankless job in any Lodge is that of Tiler. Although the duties that he performs are among the most important in the functioning and popularity of a Lodge. He is the man whom the visitor meets and deals with, and whose attitude greatly affects the feelings of the visitor as he enters the Lodge. It is the Tiler who steers the usually nervous candidate as he enters the preparation room, when friendliness and understanding are so important to him. It is the Tiler, who, week after week greets and welcomes the members as they enter. It is the Tiler, who is the professional Lodge Greeter. Oakland Lodge, is most fortunate in having the best in the business. Always the welcoming smile, the outstretched hand for both members and visitors. alike, and his thorough understanding and patience with the uncertain candidate. The Lodge owes a vote of thanks to our Tiler—the man with the sword, gentleman, friend and brother.





. . . 1950 . . .

Rue Will Sims

Oakland, a new community in 1850 with a few hundred people as its electorate, by 1950, just a hundred years later, had a population of 384,575 persons, a far greater number than was had by the entire state of California in 1850.

The year 1950 marked the thirtieth observation of Public Schools Week and this same year the State Legislature took cognizance of the anniversary in a joint resolution urging all citizens to observe the week. Public Schools Week was inaugurated by Grand Master Charles Albert Adams who conceived the idea in 1920.

Under the administration of Worshipful Master Rue Will Sims Oakland Lodge continued adding to its membership with degrees being conferred at every meeting except the stated ones, and with extra sessions being held on Saturdays and Mondays. Several degrees were conferred by other Masonic Degree Teams. The Railway Postal Clerks led the list in 1950 with five third degrees conferred, followed closely by the Center Compass Club of the Naval Supply Depot with three candidates. The Masonic Club of the Oakland School Department and the Automotive Degree Team of the East Bay raised one each.

A sports program was presented in the banquet hall February 1 when Bob Celeri, quarterback of the University of California football team, Jim Cullom of the same team and Bill Leiser, sports writer of the Chronicle, were guests.

Exchange visits were made between Oakland Lodge and Durant and Chateau Thierry Lodges at which candidates of all three lodges were raised.

A fine attendance was reported for the Ladies Night, March 29, when a musical program was presented by Don Fraga and the Aahmes Chanters. Demonstration of initiatory work was given by Oakland Chapter, Order of De Molay on April 5. On April 19 our Secretary Melvin Graves was surprised in the banquet hall by the members singing "Happy Birthday" and presenting him with a cake on his 70th natal day. On April 23 Oakland Lodge joined in observing Public Schools Week by a visit to Glenview School.

Twenty-six Past Masters were present to observe Past Masters Night, May 24, when Past Grand Master Robert Gaylord in the East raised a waiting candidate.

Brother Thomas Badger was unable to be present to receive his fifty year button from the Grand Lodge so Worshipful Master Rue Sims and a number of the brethren went to his home in Berkeley to make the presentation. Brother Willis H. White was presented with his 50 year button by Howard Kaulbach, Grand Lodge Inspector.

Fathers and Sons Night brought out a fine group of enthusiastic boys who were treated to a program of eats, technical color films and magic. In the banquet hall before the stated meeting of August 2, Brother Will R. Keyes showed pictures of his extended trip through Yellowstone Park.

Oakland Lodge's softball team was honored at the stated meeting September 6 when Manager Gus Alfier presented the Lodge with the trophies the team had won. At the dinner Alan Ward, Sports Editor of the Tribune and Walter "The Great" Mails gave talks and contributed anecdotes. In the Lodge room Brother John W. Bassford was presented his 50 year veterans button. He gave an interesting talk on Oakland Lodge 50 years earlier.

Members of Oakland Lodge and their families gathered for a barbecue in the Zoological Park, Friday evening, September 15. Brother Artie Clark supervised the campfire program.

At the stated meeting of October 4 the Lodge voted \$25 to buy a four volume set of "100 Years of Masonry in California," from the Grand Lodge. Will R. Keyes, Willard Nutting, Jr., and Stanley Isaksen were named Lodge representatives to the Masonic Board of Relief and Employment.

Past Masters Night was held October 18 and raised Brother Lester Landre. He was to become Master in 1958. The Fall Dinner was held Saturday night, October 25, in the Moose Club. A third degree was conferred at the Annual Coaches Night.

The stated meeting of November 1 was the largest assemblage of the year. Distinguished guests included Russ Horstman, City Auditor; John J. Allen, U.S. Congressman; Judge Chris Fox of the Municipal Court; Otto Hiebe, President of the Board of Education; Lester Devine, Chief of Police; Frank Coakley, District Attorney. Speaker of the evening was Senator William Knowland who spoke on "Our Foreign Policy in Europe and Asia." The Lodge voted \$20 for Christmas cheer for disabled veterans.

Election of officers was held December 6 with the selection of Brother John Charles Taylor for Master in 1951. Edward Daniel Morris was announced as Lodge Organist. Installation was held December 13 and Retiring Master Rue Will Sims, assisted by Past Master Victor Davidson as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother Taylor and his officers. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master John Evans and the portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master Milton Hendrickson. Brother Neal Marvis presented the class gift.

Membership in the Lodge at the end of 1950 numbered 959 Master Masons.



The two great pillars at the entrance to our Lodge Room between which all candidates must pass, were made and presented the Lodge by Brother David W. Standiford.



A PLAN OF MASONRY

Divested of all embellishments, here is the basic fundamental plan of Masonry:

First: It refuses to admit to its membership those known to be intemperate, licentious or debased, for it knows that a few bad apples can spoil the entire barrel of good ones.

Second: It proposes to make the good man better by directing his mind along certain channels whereby he will see the beauties of goodness, by leading him toward a better understanding of the plan of the great Architect of the Universe which, if followed, will make him wiser, better, and consequently happier.

Third: By grouping together a number of men, known to be of good morals and by permeating their minds and consciences with basic universal and eternal truths which they can carry from their Lodge into their daily lives, the result of a phalanx of decency for the world to behold and emulate.





. . . 1951 . . .

John C. Taylor

The year 1951 opened auspiciously and during the year the membership jumped from 959 to 965, again only a short distance from the coveted 1,000 mark. In Masonic activity a new wing was added to the Masonic Home in Decoto to take care of the increased number of guests.

A large gathering assembled at the dinner meeting of January 3 to hear John K. Chappel radio speaker and news analyst who had been reared in the family of General Alexi Kuropatkin, general in command of the Russian forces in the Russo-Japanese war. His subject was "What Comes After Korea?" In the Lodge meeting Brother Harold Wachs was presented his 50 year veterans pin by Howard Kahlbach, Grand Lodge Inspector.

The year was noted for having initiations at practically every meeting. Three different degree teams were given the courtesy of Oakland Lodge to raise their fellow employees. The Railway Postal Clerks met three times. The Pacific Service Club of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company raised two members and the University Square and Compass Club raised one. In addition exchange visits were made between Oakland and Durant and Chateau Thierry lodges when Brothers were raised.

An interesting feature of initiations was the progress of three Brothers, the sons of Organist Edward Morris. They took their Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees together and all three were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in afternoon and evening sessions Saturday, April 11. The sons, William, Donald and Norman, were lined up before the altar with their father and presented Masonic Bibles and engraved trowels. This was a most unusual series of progress to the sublime degree.

Captain A. H. Lincoln was the speaker at the stated meeting of March 7 and gave a talk on Military Sea Transportation Service. At the same meeting Past Masters Willard Nutting, chairman of Masonic Education, Milton Hendrickson, Ralph Kurtz, William Horgan and Sidney Sea, and Brothers Giallac and Shackleton staged a skit on investigation and voting on candidates.

When Durant Lodge made its annual visit and raised a candidate March 21, Karl Baldwin, former attache to Japan and Australia, gave a talk on Japanese people and soldiers.

A notice was received at the stated meeting of April 4 from a group of Master Masons who planned forming a Lodge to be known as Castro Valley Lodge. Ladies Night, April 18, featured an entertainment and dinner. Public Schools Week was observed April 27 with a visit to Glen View School.

In the banquet hall May 2 the program turned into a "This Is Your Life" theme for our esteemed Secretary Melvin Lorenzo Graves. He was escorted into the hall to the singing of "Happy Birthday," then presented with a birthday cake. While he was recovering from that surprise he received another when three of his closest and oldest friends that he had not seen for years were presented. Speaker was Chief of Police Lester Devine who told of police methods of today compared to a generation ago. Past Master William Horgan gave a talk on the founding of the Masonic Homes.

Many members and their wives made trip to Sieglers Springs, May 12, for a fraternal visit to Clear Lake Lodge No. 183. The Oakland officers conferred a third degree. Only one incident marred the trip. The plane with Senior Deacon Elmer Elsen and his daughter Marie, crashed as they were taking off for home. Both were seriously hurt.

Previously to the Past Masters taking over to confer a third degree at the May 16 meeting, Tiler Jack Parsons, who is approaching 85 years of age and who has served as Tiler for the past 24 years, was escorted to the East and seated. Past Masters Sidney Sea and Melvin Graves were appointed at the June stated meeting to represent Oakland Lodge at the annual stockholders meeting of the Oakland Temple Association. The

Oakland Boys Club staged a lively program of skits, musical numbers and athletics at the annual Fathers and Sons dinner June 13.

Grand Secretary Lloyd Wilson attended the stated meeting of September 5 and gave a stirring talk. Past Master Willard Nutting also gave a talk on the notorious Morgan affair.

The officers and a number of members journeyed to Winters, September 29 to raise a member of Buckeye Lodge No. 195. Oakland's softball team manager Gus Alfier was honored at the stated meeting of October 3. Present were Charles Gassaway, pitcher for the Oaks and Herb Johnson an official of the Acacia League. For the second year Oakland's team has gone through the season undefeated.

November was a sad month for Oakland Lodge as well as for Chateau Thierry Lodge for on November 5, our beloved Past Master Robert McFarlan Ford was called to that lodge on high. Bob had been raised in Oakland Lodge July 10, 1915, and was Master in 1923. He passed away at Merritt hospital after a lingering illness. On November 8 the officers and members of Oakland Lodge and Chateau Thierry Lodge, of which he was instrumental in forming, gathered in Grant Miller Chapel to conduct Masonic services. Worshipful Master John C. Taylor officiated. In honor of the departed Brother the two lodges decided that the annual visits between them would from now on be known as "Bob Ford Night."

November 9 proved another big night in Oakland Lodge. Most Eminent Robert B. Gaylord, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars in the United States, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California and Past Master of Oakland Lodge No. 188, had hardly been received with honors and escorted to a seat in the East when another alarm at the door was heard. When opened it revealed Most Worshipful Grand Master of California, Judge Louis Drapeau and a number of Grand Lodge officers. Then, in the presence of the Grand Officers Worshipful Master Taylor convened the meeting and the third degree was conferred on Brother Edward Burton with the officers of Oakland Lodge occupying the stations until delivery of the Master's lecture. This was done by Grand Lodge Master Drapeau. Most Eminent Robert Gaylord then addressed the Lodge on its early days. He ended his talk by presenting Grand Master Drapeau with a handsome mahogany gavel from the home of the late Senator

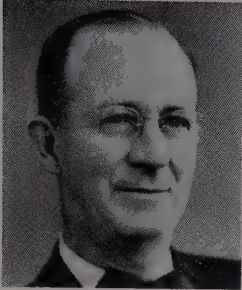
Perkins, Past Master of Oakland Lodge. The gold band, bearing an inscription, had been pressed and engraved from a ring once worn by the late Past Grand Master David J. Reese.

Installation of officers was held December 12 with Retiring Master John C. Taylor as installing officer, assisted by Past Master Irid Collins as Master of Ceremonies, who seated Brother Will A. Allen and his officers for 1952. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Willard Nutting and the portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master Victor Davidson. Brother Leonard Burk made the class presentation.

Members on the roll as Master Masons at the end of the year numbered 965.



On May 22, 1925, occurred the death of Past Master Jesse Walton, the last surviving charter member of Oakland Lodge, in the Masonic Home where he had been a guest for several years.



. . . 1952 . . .

Will A. Allen

Death struck heavily in 1952 taking 20 of the Lodge's Brothers, among whom were several who had been outstanding in the service they had given Masonry. Of these the first to cross the Great Divide was Past Master Willard Nutting on April 20. He had been raised in Oakland Lodge February 25, 1925, and was Master in 1939. He passed away unexpectedly in Merritt hospital, aged 60 years, eight months. Brother Nutting was the son of Past Grand Master Charles W. Nutting and the father of Willard Nutting, Jr., Junior Steward of Oakland Lodge and later Master of Oakland Lodge. Officers and members gathered April 23 in the Albert Brown chapel for Masonic services.

Guy Mathew Turner, who played a leading part in the development of Oakland Port and Oakland Airport passed away September 10 at the age of 61 years, eight months. He was elected to membership in Oakland Lodge March 3, 1928. A large gathering of Masonic brethren and business associates met in the Chapel of the Oaks for Masonic services September 15.

John Stannis Liflett Parsons, who had been keeper of the outer portal for 26 years, died September 27 at the age of 87 years. He was raised in Oakland Lodge June 18, 1921. Masonic rites were held September 30 in the Truman Chapel.

On December 11 came word of the death in Sonora hospital of Walter Carey Wilcox, the "Masonic Orphan," raised in Oakland Lodge March 11, 1895, by the officers of the Grand Lodge of California. His parents had died in New Orleans when he was four years of age. He had been adopted by the Grand Lodge and placed in charge of Nathan W. Spaulding, Oakland Lodge's first Master, who was Grand Lodge Treasurer when

the boy was adopted by the Grand Lodge. Shortly after receiving his Grand Lodge 50 year button he had moved from Long Beach where he had been practicing dentistry, to Strawberry in Tuolumne county. Masonic services were conducted at the request of his widow Carolyn and Oakland Lodge by Tuolumne Lodge No. 8, of Sonora.

For a happier note, on January 24 Brother Leroy Smith passed his fiftieth year as a member of Oakland Lodge. Being unable to attend on account of illness, Worshipful Master Will Allen and Secretary Melvin Graves made the trip to San Francisco to make the presentation of his 50 year gold button.

At the stated meeting of February 6 Brother Patrick Waldron was presented with his 50 year gold button, the presentation being made by Inspector Howard Kaulbach of the Grand Lodge. At this same meeting Brother Fred Barbeau, Captain in the Police Department, was the guest of honor at the pre-meeting dinner on his retirement from the department. Brother Lester Devine, Chief of Police, praised Captain Barbeau highly and then introduced Captains Rhodes, Kline and Long, who also spoke highly of his services. Past Master Sidney Sea who raised Brother Barbeau spoke, as did the guest of honor who told of the Juvenile Department of which he was instrumental in forming.

This year saw a repetition of initiations and third degree confirmations. Membership at the end of the year was 958 Master Masons. Exchange visits were made during the year with Durant and Chateau Thierry Lodges at which times candidates were raised. This was the seventieth exchange with Durant Lodge. An exchange visit was also made with El Cerrito No. 705. Worshipful Master John L. Wixon of that lodge, was raised in Oakland Lodge in 1947 by Past Master Irid Collins.

Annual Ladies Night was held April 16. On May 2 the lodges of the 358th Masonic District observed Public Schools Week by visiting Glen View School for a program and refreshments by the Dad's Club. At the stated meeting of May 7 another Brother of Oakland Lodge, Solomon F. Higgins, was presented with his 50 year gold veterans button by Inspector Howard Kaulbach. Past Masters Night, May 28, saw Past Grand Master Robert B. Gaylord seated in the East. At the stated meeting June 4 Past Master Sidney Sea and Melvin Graves were appointed to represent Oak-

land Lodge at the stockholders meeting of the East Bay Masonic Temple Association. The annual Fathers and Sons Night, June 19, saw a fine turnout of youngsters and a presentation of a show of boxing, wrestling and skits by the Oakland Boys Club.

A notice was received at the August stated meeting from a group of Masons in Lafayette of intention to form a lodge to be known as Acalanes Lodge.

The dinner preceding the stated meeting of September honored the softball team which again had captured the Acacia League championship. The permanent banner won by the team was presented the Lodge by Brother Gus Alfier, coach. The Lodge in turn presented each team member with a trophy. A special ball autographed by the entire New York Yankee team, American League pennant winners, was presented Ralph Sigler, pitcher of Oakland's team. In the Lodge meeting the names of ten applicants for degrees who had failed to appear in a five year period were, under the by-laws, dropped and their fees forfeited.

During October eleven candidates were given degrees from Entered Apprentices to Master Masons.

A delegation consisting of Master Will Allen, Secretary Melvin Graves and Brother Oscar Hager went to the home of Past Master Frank West who was too ill to come to the Lodge, and presented him with his 50 year year veterans gold button.

Installation of Brother James K. Wilson and his officers for 1953, was held December 13 with Retiring Master Will Allen as installing officer, assisted by Past Master George Norton as Master of Ceremonies. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Irid Collins and the portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master Milton Hendrickson. The class presentation was made by Brother Albert Knight. Senior Warden elect Elmer Elsen presented the Past Masters apron.



Worshipful Master Jesse Walton, in East in 1877, and eighth Master, was the first to sign the Lodge minutes.



AM I A MASON?

One knows himself to be a Mason when he begins to view truth, honor, justice and charity not as abstract principles, but as practical, everyday virtues which he must practice and exemplify in all his relationships with his fellow men. When within him there is an intense desire to protect and advance the welfare of his brother Masons, and to exert constant care that no harm or injury comes to them through acts of his, then one knows he is developing the Masonic spirit.

The place to look for evidence that one is becoming a Mason is not in the head where memory of rituals, grips, signs and tokens may be retained, but in the heart whence will flow brotherly love, generosity, kindness, patience and good will. If these are found in your honest heart, you are in fact a Mason.





. . . 1953 . . .

James K. Wilson

This year saw the close of the Korean campaign in more or less of a stalemate and with the armistice being signed July 27, 1953. Prisoner repatriation began in August and on September 6 the North Koreans turned over to the Allies 3,597 Americans they had been holding, along with Britons, South Koreans and Turks who had been captured. The United Nations forces then turned over 75,799 North Koreans and Chinese they had captured.

During the year Oakland Lodge No. 188 raised 32 candidates and two Brothers affiliated. However, 23 of our members were admitted to the Supreme Lodge on High, including Past Masters George Madison, 1920; William Munro, 1926; Arnt Heidekker, 1931; and Past Grand Master Robert Gaylord, Oakland Master in 1906. It should be noted that Brother Gaylord, after serving as Master of Oakland Lodge went on to become Grand Master of California, later working for Masonry as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of California and, just prior to his death, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars in the United States.

Among the social events of the year were a Fathers and Sons Night, a Ladies Night, a Whist Party and dance at Hotel Claremont and a Hard Times Party at Tilden Park.

Visits were made to El Cerrito, Durant and Chateau Thierry lodges and visits renewed with Mission Lodge. The annual out-of-town visit was made to Pacific Grove in May as guests of Ed Whittiker of that Lodge, who had been raised in Oakland Lodge. During the year nine 50 year veterans gold buttons, the highest number in one year, were presented

to Oakland Lodge members. The recipients were Brothers Herbert Breed, Herbert J. Samuels, Andrew Perry, David Carmichael, Clarence T. Braun, Sumner Smith, James R. Munsell, Leroy V. Armstrong and Neil Mac-Intyre.

The high cost of living raised its obnoxious head resulting in raising the cost of our monthly dinners from \$1 to \$1.25. Then at mid-year, the Lodge dues were increased from \$12 to \$15.

In addition to our exchange visits to other Lodges, Oakland Lodge was host to several degree teams during the year. These were the Railway Postal Clerks, Chinese Acacia Club, Automotive Industry Masonic Club, Southern Pacific and the Electrical Craftsmens Square and Compass Club. In addition a Pacific Gas and Electric Night was held with more than 250 in attendance. The group, headed by Harold "Pete" Anderson, Junior Grand Lodge Warden conferred the third degree on Brother Leonard Gould. Also the Military Sea Transportation of which our Master was a member, paid two visits to confer degrees.

The annual visit to the Masonic Home took place April 26. On August 19 Oakland Lodge Coaches conferred a third degree. On September 26 another third degree was given by our Past Masters in traditional ceremonies.

One of the outstanding events of this year was the organization of the Oakland Players under the leadership of Brother William Geha. Upon the visit of Durant Lodge, a play "The Rose Upon the Altar," was presented. In this area of thespian activity a short play "You Can't Do It," dealing with lodge room conduct, was presented at a stated meeting. Worshipful Master James Wilson sent to each member of the Lodge a card congratulating him on his Masonic birthday, a custom adopted by subsequent Masters.

At the beginning of the year Acorn Lodge was challenged to meet us in a blood giving contest. With 102 pints donated to the Masonic Blood Bank to ailing members by both lodges the year ended in a tie.

In the sports field our softball team had to take second place after being champions three years in succession. In the informal golf league of the East Bay, Oakland's cow pasture pool players showed up quite well.

Among the Brothers claimed by the Grim Reaper during 1953 was Past Grand Master Robert Brainerd Gaylord who was raised in Oakland Lodge March 18, 1899, and who was Master in 1906. He passed away at his home in Piedmont August 4, after a protracted illness, at the age of 76 years, eight months. Officers and members of Oakland Lodge, with the officers of Grand Lodge of California and a full detail of uniformed Knights Templars, assembled in the Chapel of the Chimes to pay last honors to this distinguished Mason. Oakland Lodge conducted the Masonic rites with Past Master William H. Owens officiating.

Past Master William Neil Munro passed away March 14, in a hospital in Fortuna, Humboldt county. Masonic services were held March 17 by officers of Redwood Empire Lodge No. 683, of Garberville.

Past Master George Edmund Madison, raised in Oakland Lodge September 26, 1911, passed away July 6 at the age of 67 years. He served as Master in 1920. Masonic services were held July 10 with Worshipful Master James Wilson officiating.

Another prominent Brother lost to Oakland Lodge this year was Arthur Hastings Breed who had been raised in Oakland Lodge September 15, 1888. He was 87 years, five months old and, according to Lodge records, had belonged to Oakland Lodge longer than any other member, a period of 65 years. Officers and members of Oakland Lodge, along with other East Bay Masonic bodies observed last rites for our departed Brother Breed in the Tower Chapel, Mt. View Cemetery, April 30.

Installation of officers was held December 17, 1953, when Retiring Master James Wilson, installed Brother Elmer F. Elsen and his staff of officers for the year 1954.



The first Past Masters Night was inaugurated by Worshipful Master W. F. Williamson, October 22, 1904.



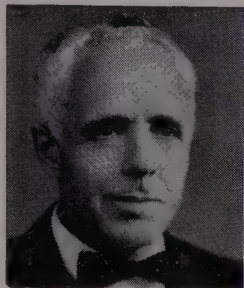
THE WORKING TOOLS

How many brethren, I often wonder, remember the instruction they received in the use of the working tools, when they received their degrees?

Do you remember the significance of the Square How are we taught to use the Compass? The Plumb? The Level?

Do you use the working tools of Masonry? Pause once in a while and give them a thought and elevate your life just that much. Take the first step in their use. Think about them.





. . . 1954 . . .

Elmer F. Elsen

The year was inaugurated with a Fellowship Dinner preceding the stated meeting of January 6. At the meeting Worshipful Master Elmer Elsen appointed Sam Chu and Andrew Graham as the Lodge Auditing Committee. Although Oakland Lodge passed or raised members at practically every meeting except the stated ones, the year saw a loss of 31 members by death. At the close of 1954 the rolls showed 933 Master Masons. Included in those called to the Lodge on High were four well-known and active members.

Past Master Frank Alfred West passed away March 23. He joined Oakland Lodge by affiliation from Occidental Lodge No. 22, of San Francisco, January 4, 1919. He was Master in 1937. On March 25 the officers and members of the Lodge assembled in the Albert Brown Chapel for Masonic services which were conducted by Worshipful Master Elmer Elsen.

The next death was that of Brother Ross Feliz, one of Oaklands most popular traffic officers who died August 23 at his home in Sonoma. He was 64 years of age and had been raised in Oakland Lodge March 29, 1922. Masonic rites were held August 26 with Worshipful Master Elsen officiating.

On September 1 Joseph Walter Frates, Junior Warden, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 51 years, 11 months. Brother Walt was raised in Oakland Lodge March 24, 1942. On September 4 the officers and members, with his many newspaper associates, gathered in Robinson Chapel where Masonic rites were conducted by Worshipful Master Elmer Elsen.

Word was received December 20 of the death of Brother John Alexander Britton in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He was raised in Oakland Lodge June 24, 1916, by his father John Britton, Past Master of Oakland Lodge and President of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for many years.

During the year exchange visits were made between Oakland Lodge, Durant, Chateau Thierry, Mission and El Cerrito lodges. On each visit candidates were raised. In addition, candidates were also raised in Oakland Lodge by degree teams from the Oakland Police Department, Southern Pacific Company, the Insurance Square Club, and Pacific Service Club. Fifty year buttons were presented during the year to Brothers Albert C. Snead, James A. Smilie and John Schurr.

The new Masonic Memorial Temple site was announced at the February stated meeting by Brother Floyd Vincent who told of the prospective plans. The Temple will be located on Broadway near Fortieth Street. In the banquet hall Brother Earl Hindon, Chief Executive Officer of Oakland Council, Boy Scouts of America, spoke on scouting and showed movies of the Jamboree at Los Mochos, Southern California.

At the stated meeting of March 3 Dr. George Hedley, Chaplain of Mills College, spoke on the subject "Can Religious People Have Fun." At the March 17 meeting the Past Masters, all wearing green neckties raised a candidate. A fine turnout of members and wives assembled for the Spring Frolic held in the Brazilian room in Tilden Park. The evening was spent in dancing, cards and other entertainment.

A resolution to increase the life membership from \$250 to \$325 was introduced at the stated meeting of April 7. An interested Brother present at this meeting was John W. White who had been accepted for membership in Oakland Lodge November 2, 1918. However, he had been transferred in service before he could be initiated. In Detroit courtesy degrees were conferred on him by Detroit Lodge No. 3. Until this evening he had never had the opportunity of visiting his Mother Lodge or seeing the interior of the Lodge room, a period of 36 years. He flew here from Los Angeles and flew back the next morning.

Annual Ladies Night was held April 14 and the officers of Bethel No. 1, Jobs Daughters, were guests and conferred their degree on a candidate

under direction of Honored Queen Helen Joseph. Public Schools Week was observed April 28 with a visit to Washington Elementary School.

Eighteen Past Masters were present at Past Masters Night, May 19. The annual Fathers and Sons Night was held June 9 with the youngsters of the San Leandro Boys Club presenting a program in the banquet hall. Movies of the World Series playoff were shown.

The officers, members and their wives made the journey, Saturday, June 19, to Santa Cruz for the weekend. After a banquet given by Santa Cruz Lodge No. 38, the officers and brethren retired to the Masonic Temple to put on a third degree while the women folk were entertained at a reception.

At the stated meeting of July 7, Brother Willard Nutting, Jr., announced that he would have to resign the station of Junior Deacon as he had been transferred to Chicago. This advanced Brothers Lester Landre and Floyd Vincent. Brother Albert Knight was named Junior Steward. A Crab Dinner was featured at the meeting of November 3. In the Lodge room the play "A Rose Upon The Altar," was presented under direction of Brother William Geha.

Election of officers took place December 1 and Brother Burton Griswold was elected to the Oriental chair. Retiring Master Elmer Elsen was presented a life membership certificate.

Closed installation was held December 8 at which time Brother Griswold and his officers for 1955 were installed by Retiring Master Elmer Elsen, assisted by Past Master Rue Sims as Master of Ceremonies. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Stuart Hedlund and the portrait of the Retiring Master was presented by Past Master Milton Hendrickson. The class presentation was made by Brother Robert McChesney.

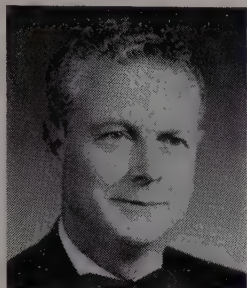


Oakland Lodge's rental in the new Masonic Temple at Twelfth and Washington Streets in 1881, was \$60 a month.



An interesting observation into the early history of Masonry shows that prior to November, 1721, Entered Apprentices constituted the bulk of the Craft, by reason of the fact that the degrees of Fellowcraft and Master Mason were conferred only by Grand Lodge. This was found to be very inconvenient and in 1725 Grand Lodge decreed that the Master of a Lodge, with his Wardens and a competent number of the Lodge assembled in due form could make Fellows and Masters at discretion. Therefore, the order is now reversed. The bulk of the Fraternity consisting of Master Masons all legislation is done exclusively by them; the First and Second Degrees being considered as preparatory to the Master's Degree.





. . . 1955 . . .

Burton R. Griswold

January 1955 started with the brothers of Oakland Lodge learning considerable about Masonry in other countries. At the stated meeting of January 5, visiting Brother Rene Molyo gave a talk on the differences between California and Greek forms. Then, on January 19, Brother Edgar Baldwin, member of Columbia Lodge No. 4682, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, a cousin of our own Brother Frank Kester, gave a talk on Masonry in Argentina.

Past Master George Perkins gave a talk on George Washington at the stated meeting of February 2. Howard Kaulbach, Grand Lodge Inspector, also presented two 50 year veterans buttons to two Brothers, William and Edward Finkeldey. It is unusual for two blood brothers to be so honored at the same time. Brother Kaulbach also awarded gold buttons to Brothers Charles Swanson, Henry C. Moler and Myron Neff at the March stated meeting.

Degree teams from various organizations visited during the year to raise candidates. The first was from Moore Drydock Company, led by Brother Chris Eiferle of Fremont Lodge. On February 23 the degree team of the Postal Railway Clerks raised one of their workers. Talks were given by Lyle Lane, Division Superintendent of the Postal Clerks and Brother Larry Johnson of Wadsworth, full blooded Indian, graduate of Haskell University and an athlete of note who had played professional football with the New York Giants for ten years.

Durant paid its seventy-third annual visit which was reciprocated later in the year. A visit was also made to the Masonic Home. A Crab Feed and a Ladies Night were both featured in April. Public Schools Week was

observed by a visit to Westlake Junior High School. El Cerrito Lodge also visited and raised a candidate. Mission Lodge paid its visit on May 11, and on May 25 the Transportation Clerks Square and Compass Club conferred a third degree. Return visits during the year were also made to Mission, Chateau Thierry and El Cerrito lodges.

Oakland members were saddened to hear of the death May 23 of Past Master Harry Benner, 1912, the Lodge's second oldest member. He was raised November 12, 1892, and had held his membership for 62 years, six months. He was 86 years, 10 months old.

Members and their wives journeyed to Monterey on Saturday, June 25. While the ladies attended a theatre party the Brothers conferred a third degree on a Monterey candidate. Both groups then assembled in the San Carlos hotel where Oakland Lodge was host at a refreshment period.

The sixth and seventh 50 year veterans buttons were awarded August 3 to Brothers William Kirk and Fredrick Soderberg, all of which signified that the class of 1905 must have been a healthy lot of Brothers.

At the stated meeting of September 7 a motion was made by Past Master Sidney Sea and passed by the brethren requesting the Grand Lodge to amend its so-called ten mile rule to provide relief to new applicants whose places of abode were some what more than that distance from the lodge of their selection.

The most tragic event ever to occur in an Oakland Lodge meeting happened on Coaches Night, October 26, when Organist Edward Morris was taken with a fatal heart attack while playing for a third degree ceremony. Worshipful Master Griswold turned the work over to his junior officers and accompanied the stricken Brother Morris to the emergency hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Brother Morris was a member of Alisal Lodge of Pleasanton and had been Oakland Lodge organist several years. Through the courtesy of Alisal Lodge Oakland Lodge was granted the privilege of conducting last rites which were held October 31 with Worshipful Master Burton Griswold officiating.

Purchase of a new flag was voted at the November stated meeting. Our thespians also staged a repeat performance of "A Rose Upon The Altar" at the same meeting.

Open installation was held December 16 with Retiring Master Burton Griswold as installing officer and Past Master William Horgan as Master of Ceremonies. Brother Artie Clark and his officers were seated for the year 1956. Past Master Rue Sims presented the Past Masters jewel and Past Master John G. Evans presented the portrait of the Retiring Master. The class presentation was made by Brother Keith L. Mann.

Thirty-three members were lost during 1955 leaving a total of 920 on the rolls at the end of the year.



At the fiftieth anniversary of Oakland Lodge Past Master Jesse Walton and James Webster were the only surviving charter members. Brother Webster had demitted to Brooklyn Lodge in East Oakland.



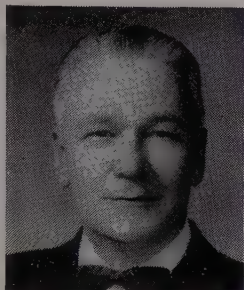
RESEARCH

The Entered Apprentice's Apron should be pure white lambskin from 14 to 16 inches wide and from 12 to 14 inches long, with a fall or bib about five inches deep; square at the bottom, with sharp angular corners and without device or ornament of any kind.

The lambskin was instituted as a symbol of peace and goodwill about 1350 B.C. Hence, our ancient brethren insisted on our badge being worn only when love and harmony prevailed. Thus it is truly asserted, "it is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or the Roman Eagle."

Written in 1866 by Jeremy L. Cross.





. . . 1956 . . .

Artie Melvin Clark

At the stated meeting of January 4 Past Master Sidney F. Sea made a motion that the Lodge withdraw \$5,000 from the savings fund and invest it in Government bonds. The motion was passed unanimously. At the same meeting Sam Chu, Past Master William Horgan and Andrew Graham were named by the Worshipful Master as lodge auditors.

Brother Hugh Williams on March 7 was presented a sheepskin scroll recording his many years as Lodge soloist. The presentation was made by Past Master Irid Collins and at the conclusion of the ceremony Brother Williams and Brother Oliver Jones sang a Welsh ballad.

This year saw another change made in the typography makeup of the monthly Bulletin, a more modernized display of cover and content.

Ladies Night was held in Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church, March 28. A Masonic play, taken part in by talent of Chabot Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, was given.

Worshipful Master Ralph Partridge and the officers of El Cerrito Lodge were March visitors.

A sizeable group of members and wives traveled by chartered bus to the Yosemite Valley April 14 to visit Pohono Lodge No. 689. Local officers raised Brother Luna Price Boyles of Oakland Lodge to the degree of Master Mason. He was to become Master in 1967.

Past Master Willard Williamson, Master of Oakland Lodge in 1904, and a life member from 1906, passed away in his San Francisco home after a protracted illness. He was 83.

Tim Fook Chu, one of Oakland Lodges most devoted members, passed away in Eugene, Oregon, May 24, while enroute to his home in Oakland

from a business trip to Vancouver. He was 64 years, five months old. On May 28 officers and members of Oakland Lodge and friends from other East Bay lodges assembled in the Albert Brown Chapel to pay their last respects. The Masonic service was conducted by Worshipful Master Artie Clark, assisted by Brother Chan Yau who repeated the service in Chinese for the benefit of our departed Brother's relatives, some of whom did not understand English.

Oakland Lodge lost another sterling member on June 6 when Past Master John R. Sutton died at his home in Centerville, at the age of 85 years, eight months. He was raised in Oakland Lodge November 30, 1919. Lodge members and friends gathered in the Chapel of Palms in Centerville for rites with Worshipful Master Clark officiating.

Past Master Harold H. Meredith, life member since 1927, passed away August 6 after a long illness. He was raised July 19, 1919. Masonic services, conducted by Worshipful Master Artie Clark and Past Master Sidney Sea, were held August 9. The Rev. Clarence Reidenbach delivered the eulogy.

Four 50 year members were awarded their gold buttons during the year. They were Brothers James Reed, Emil T. Johnson, John H. Robbins and Andrew C. Hahn.

The application of Chester Hunt to take the degrees of Masonry was accepted but before he could be initiated he was ordered to overseas duty. The Secretary was told to ask the Grand Lodge of California to request the Grand Lodge of the Philippines to designate one of its subordinate lodges to confer the three degrees of Masonry upon the candidate as a courtesy to Oakland Lodge.

An interesting evening was held August 15 when the officers of the Research Lodge of this area were guests. Grand Lodge Inspector Howard Kuhlbach and Past Masters Robert Miller of Santa Rosa Lodge No. 27, and O. J. Wohlgemuth of Alamo Lodge No. 122, speakers of the evening, were seated in the East. Brother Andrew Graham of Oakland Lodge was Master of Ceremonies. Brother Miller presented a talk on the origin of Free Masonry and Brother Wohlgemuth one on the recitations used in the Masonic ritual.

Oakland Lodge paid a call on El Cerrito Lodge and raised one of their candidates on August 27. On September 26 a visit was made to Mission Lodge where, after a roast beef dinner, a stirring talk on our Constitution was given by Brother Elmer Robinson, former Mayor of San Francisco. Worshipful Master Artie Clark and officers raised a Mission candidate.

Past Master Rue Sims reported at the October 3 meeting that the Lodge had been awarded a framed Grand Lodge certificate for exceeding its quota to the Masonic Homes Endowment Fund.

The annual visit to Durant Lodge was held October 10 and Oakland officers raised a Durant candidate. Past Masters Night saw 23 of our 27 living Past Masters present to confer a third degree with Past Master George Perkins giving the Masters lecture.

The Chinese Acacia Club, headed by Brother Chang Wah Lee, visited October 24 and raised an Oakland candidate. Our own member Dr. Lester Lee, gave the lecture and Brother Billy Chu gave the charge. A chow mein feed followed.

A Community Dinner was held October 27 and a large gathering of members and wives viewed pictures of the Yosemite Valley trip. The Coaches Night was held October 31 at which time a candidate was raised to the degree of Master Mason.

Open installation of officers was held December 15. Retiring Master Artie Clark, installing officer, assisted by Past Master John C. Taylor as Master of Ceremonies, seated Brother William Hodson Agers and his officers for 1957. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master William Horgan and the retiring Masters portrait was presented by Past Master William Kitto. The class presentation was made by Brother Luna Price Boyles.

Membership at the end of the year numbered 894. Twelve were gained by degrees but 24 were lost by death, eight by demit and six by suspension.



The Third Degree legend connects speculative Masons of today with the ancient mysteries of Greece, Egypt and other early dawn peoples.



The Acacia is an important symbol in Masonry. It grew abundantly in the Holy Land and is the source of gum arabic. To the Hebrews it was known as the shittim tree and was regarded as a sacred wood as Moses had been commanded to construct the tabernacle, shewbread table and other items of the Ark of the Covenant of it. The ark was made of cedar of Lebanon. To Masons the acacia is the symbol of the immortality of the soul.



The "lawful age" qualification for admission into the Masonic Order as stated in regulations adopted in 1663 says, "no person shall be accepted unless he be twenty-one years old or more."





. . . 1957 . . .

William H. Agers

This year the National Municipal League honored Oakland as "The All American City" for its "response to problems and challenges of modern municipal life." Oakland Lodge can be proud of the fact that its members were among those officials responsible for winning this great honor.

The year 1957 got away to a good start. At the stated meeting of January 2 there were four applications for degrees. At the same meeting word came from Grand Master L. Harold Anderson who reported that members would be granted the privilege of donating money to the blood bank if they were unable to contribute blood.

At the January 30 meeting an alarm at the door revealed the presence of Chief of Police Wyman W. Vernon and 10 Masonic members of the Police Department Masonic Club. They took over the stations and raised Brother Edward Morgan Toothman to the sublime degree. He was later to become Chief in Oakland. In the banquet hall talks were given by Captain Sid Brown, Councilman Peter Tripp, former Chief of Police Lester Devine, former Fire Chief William Lutkey and Past Masters Milton Hendrickson and William M. Huffman.

At the stated meeting of February 6 engraved certificates were presented Brothers Harold Dearing and Carl Bonham by the Grand Lodge for donations of blood made by them and their wives in 1956. Also, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, Past Master Sidney Sea presented Brother George Irving Fisher with his 50 year gold pin. In the banquet hall Past Master Kent Pursel, Chairman of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, gave a talk on county government.

At the meeting of February 8 Worshipful Master Agers reported he

was in receipt of a letter sent Brother Hans Roethberger, Bern, Switzerland, which had been returned from Siloah hospital with the notation in three languages, "Dead." Brother Roethberger had been raised in Oakland Lodge January 29, 1910, and was 80 years old when he died.

Durant Lodge made its seventy-fifth annual visit on February 27 and conferred a third degree. The visit was returned October 16, the seventy-fifth anniversary of Durant Lodge. In token of the long string of unbroken visits, Oakland Lodge was presented with an engraved plaque.

Mission Lodge visited April 17 and an Oakland candidate was raised. On April 24 a degree team from the Langendorf Bakeries, headed by Past Master George Blodgett of Presidio Lodge No. 354, visited and raised one of their employees. Members of Oakland Lodge joined the other lodges of the 358th Masonic District April 26, to observe Public Schools Week by a visit to Technical High School. Brother Lester Landre spoke on the origin and meaning of Public Schools Week.

Under special dispensation from the Grand Lodge Oakland Lodge convened a Master Masons meeting Saturday, May 25, at 1:45 p.m., in Scottish Rite Temple for a reception to Most Worshipful Grand Master L. Harold Anderson. A dinner was served the Grand Officers and their ladies and the officers and members of the Pacific Service Masonic Club and their ladies, at 6 o'clock. Past Master Irid Collins was Master of Ceremonies. Later in the lodge room the stations of Oakland Lodge officers were surrendered to the officers of the Pacific Service Club degree team to raise a member in due and ancient form.

A motion was made to remit dues to date of 11 members who were, for various reasons, unable to pay or had reached forty years service, at the June 5 meeting. In addition, two were remitted in advance who had passed the forty year period as paying members. The motion was passed. Seven members were suspended for non-payment of dues and who had failed to respond after one year notices had been sent them by the Secretary.

A report was received at the August 7 meeting of the passing of Brother Louis Elie Martin on August 1. He was the Lodge's oldest member, being 95. He was raised in Oakland Lodge May 26, 1923. An illustrated talk on Atomic Energy Development was given by Brother Willard Nutting, Jr., Senior Deacon, in the banquet hall following the meeting.

Past Master Will Albert Allen, affiliated with Oakland Lodge November 4, 1942, passed away unexpectedly in Napa. A large number of Oakland Brothers journeyed to Napa to attend the rites for our Past Master, conducted as a courtesy by Yount Lodge.

The Postal Square and Compass Club of the Postal Transportation Clerks, conferred a third degree on one of their workers August 28. Two Brothers, Charles G. Gilcrest and C. Edwin Keyes were awarded their 50 year gold buttons September 4. The presentation was made by Past Master Sidney Sea for the Grand Lodge. Three more Brothers received their gold emblems at the stated meeting of November 6. They were Dr. Nicholas Ricciardi, William Logan and Theodore L. Mock. The presentations were made by Past Master Milton Hendrickson. On November 17 Worshipful Master William Agers accompanied by Grand Treasurer Edward Siems and Past Master E. Phillips of Sequoia Lodge, went to the home of Brother Homer B. Murdock, who was too ill to appear in lodge and presented him with his 50 year veterans button.

On September 18 a visit was made to Mission Lodge and Oakland officers raised a Mission candidate. Dr. Robert Burns of College of Pacific gave a talk on his travels through Russia. Past Masters Night was held September 25 and 20 of our surviving 23 Past Masters present raised a candidate. Past Master Russell Cowles occupied the Masters station for the first section and Past Master Irid Collins presided in the second. The Masters lecture was given by Past Master James Wilson. Chateau Thierry made its annual visit on Bob Ford Night, November 14, and raised an Oakland Brother.

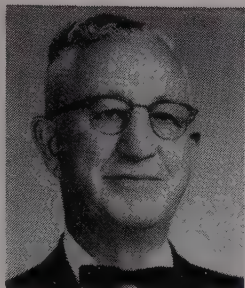
Installation of officers took place December 28. Retiring Master William Agers, assisted by Past Master James Wilson as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother Lester Landre and his officers for 1958. Past Master John C. Taylor presented the retiring Master with his jewel and the portrait was presented by Past Master Burton Griswold. The class presentation was made by Brother Benjamin W. Beynon.

Total membership December 1 was 873. Fourteen were gained by degrees, one each by affiliation and restoration, while 20 were lost by death, 10 by demit and seven by suspension for non-payment of dues.



Freemasonry in America has grown and prospered in the past because the good work of individual Masons, as well as Lodges, attracted wide attention, and the public in general became convinced of the Fraternity's worthiness. Men were attracted to Masonry, because they had learned of it as a profession in which they desired not so much to be beneficiaries as to be participants, to acquire for themselves the reputation of being Master Masons devoted to this way of life.





. . . 1958 . . .

Lester H. Landre

This year saw the first United States satellite launched into orbit on January 31 and the first jet service inaugurated across the Atlantic to England on October 4, followed December 10 by start of the first jet service between New York and Miami. We can only wonder what our founding fathers would have thought, they who took a couple of hours to drive from Oakland Lodge to Durant Lodge in Berkeley over dirt roads to start the long unbroken string of fraternal visitations. For a time too, war clouds threatened to gather in the Near East when rebels seized the Iraqi government. In order to prevent Russians and the Arab Republic forces moving into Lebanon President Eisenhower, at the request of the Lebanese, on July 15 sent a force of Marines to take over. When conditions were restored to normal the Americans were withdrawn August 12.

At the first stated meeting in 1958, January 8, Brother George Atkinson introduced Willie Osburn who gave an interesting talk on "A Tourist Looks Behind the Iron Curtain."

With the exception of stated meetings nearly every Wednesday night witnessed initiations, passings and raising of new members. Worshipful Master Landre and his officers were a busy crew. However, he was unable to keep many of the Brothers, along with their wives, out of San Quentin prison. On January 22, at the invitation of the warden, a considerable group of members and wives visited and toured part of the big prison. This was followed by dinner in the prison dining hall and a show staged by prison talent.

Durant Lodge paid its seventy-sixth annual visit and raised an Oakland candidate. The visit was returned October 8 when a group of Oakland

officers, members and their wives went to the Berkeley Masonic Temple where they were tendered a banquet attended by more than 200 persons. This was the first time the wives had participated in this exchange of visits.

Our officers and members paid their respects to Mission Lodge and witnessed presentation of five 50 year gold veterans buttons to Mission Brothers. Oakland Lodge in turn presented the play "A Rose Upon The Altar," under direction of Brother William Geha. The visit was returned September 24 when Mission officers raised an Oakland candidate. At this visit Past Master Milton Hendrickson was asked to represent the Grand Lodge in presenting a Mission Brother with his gold pin.

Oakland Lodge members visited Pacific Grove Lodge No. 331, June 21, and, following a banquet, raised a Pacific Grove candidate to the degree of Master Mason.

Chateau Thierry Lodge paid its annual visit on Bob Ford Night and raised a Fellow Craft to the degree of Master Mason. The first outside team to visit Oakland Lodge was the Postal Transport Clerks Square and Compass Club March 19. On May 21 officers of the Pacific Masonic Service Club visited and raised Brother George Ruuth, who was to become Master in 1968. On September 10, Oakland Chapter, Order of De Molay, inducted one of their members into their second degree for the edification of our members.

Two 50 year gold veterans buttons were presented Oakland Lodge members during the year. At the meeting of June 4 Brother Henry Chaloner was recipient of the honor. On November 5 a gold button was awarded Brother Frank Dewar. As he was too ill to attend lodge the pin was presented at his home by Worshipful Master Landre and a committee.

A Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner was served preceding the stated meeting of March 5. The speaker was City Councilman Peter Tripp whose subject was "The City Tax Rate." On April 2 a Bean Feed drew a fine crowd despite the inclement weather. Ladies Night took place May 7 with the meal being served by members of Jobs Daughters from Berkeley. Past Masters Night saw 17 former Masters present who conferred a third degree. At the Master Masons meeting of September 24, the dinner preceding was served by girls of Oakland Assembly No. 11, Order of Rainbow. Brother

Kent Pursel of Henry Morse Stephens Lodge No. 541, of Berkeley, spoke on the differences between city and county governments. Coaches Night, October 29, saw the raising of a Brother in due form. Public Schools Week was observed April 25 by a visit to Oakland Technical High School. The visit to the Masonic Home was also made.

On May 17 the Delinquent Dues Committee met and remitted dues of five members who had passed the age of 75 years and had been members of the fraternity for 40 years. A communication was received at the September stated meeting from the Grand Master urging financial help in behalf of Proposition 16, imposing property tax on church schools, by voting the sum of \$2 a member from the general fund.

The year started with 884 members but at its close this had been reduced by death and other causes to 853. Twenty Brothers were claimed by the Grim Reaper, two left by demit and three were suspended for non-payment of dues.

Installation of Brother Floyd H. Vincent and his officers for 1959 was held Saturday, December 13. Retiring Master Lester Landre, assisted by Past Master Elmer Elsen as Master of Ceremonies, inducted the new officers. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Sidney Sea while the portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master George Norton. The class presentation was made by Brother George Stenberg. Senior Warden William Nutting, Jr., presented the Past Masters apron.



King Solomon awarded twenty cities to Hiram King of Tyre for his aid in building the temple. According to the historian Josephus, these were located in the northwestern part of the Galilee area.

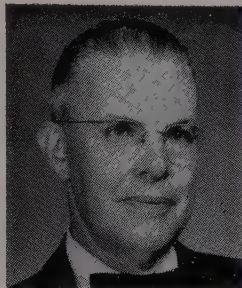


The principles of Freemasonry preceded Christianity far back into the ancient past and long before the Solomonic era. Christian, Jew, Moslem, Buddhist, Brahman, or any one who believes in God may subscribe to its principles.



One of the most important cities in the kingdom of Hiram of Tyre was Byblos which was probably their oldest settlement. Papyrus, or paper, was the most important product of the place. The Greeks called any book made from papyrus Biblos, which became ta biblia, and in English, Bible.





. . . 1959 . . .

Floyd H. Vincent

In World history there were many events that held the attention of the general public in 1959. Here in the Bay Area though, life managed to pursue its even tenor and business was good. However, there were clouds on the international horizon for on January 1 Fidel Castro assumed power in Cuba. Although the United States was favorable to the change the people little suspected that we would be severing relations with Castro's government and which for a time put us on the brink of World War Three. During the year the United States launched the George Washington, first atomic powered ballistic submarine and the Savannah, the world's first atom powered merchant vessel.

During the year Oakland Lodge No. 188 lost 29 Brothers by death but ended the year with 828 members.

At the stated meeting of January 7 Past Master Sidney Sea gave the first comprehensive report on the new Masonic Temple which is to be erected at Fortieth and Broadway. In the banquet hall retiring Master Lester Landre was honored with Worshipful Master Floyd Vincent as Master of Ceremonies.

On January 21 Captain Sid Brown of Elmhurst Lodge and a large group of Brothers from the Oakland Police Department Masonic Degree Team visited Oakland Lodge and raised Brother Thomas J. Rogers in due and ancient form. A number of police officers were also present from Berkeley and San Francisco.

Five applications for degrees were voted on at the stated meeting of February 4 and all approved. In the banquet hall Past Master Milton Hendrickson talked on George Washington.

Mission and Standard Lodges were guests February 25 and Standard Lodge presented the Masonic play "Greater Love Hath No Man."

At the stated meeting of March 18 Brother Jay T. Hill, who would become Master in 1966, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. More candidates were elected to receive degrees at the meeting of April 1. In the banquet hall Past Master Ed Wetmore of Bay View Lodge spoke on traffic safety. Public Schools Week was observed Monday, April 27, by a visit to Elizabeth Sherman School where a program was presented by the childrens orchestra and choir.

The weekend of May 16 was featured by a visit to Lake Tahoe Lodge No. 707 where the members were guests of Tahoe Lodge at Bijou. Brother Jay Hill was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Grand Lodge Inspector Howard Kaulbach was received with honors at the meeting of May 20. At the same meeting word was received of the passing of Brother Judge Harry W. Pulcifer who had been raised in Oakland Lodge May 27, 1893. He was 90 years old. Masonic rites were conducted with Worshipful Master Floyd Vincent officiating.

At the stated meeting of June 3 five members who had been in good standing for 40 years or more were voted remission of dues. Eight others who had suffered disabilities were also granted remissions. Past Masters Sidney Sea and Melvin Graves were named to represent Oakland Lodge at the annual meeting of the Temple Association.

Members of Oakland Chapter, Order of De Molay, exemplified their second degree in an excellent manner on June 24. On August 5 Brother Clyde Luther Chamblin was awarded his 50 year pin following which he gave a talk on the early days of his membership in Oakland Lodge.

A unique situation occurred in the Lodge room August 19 when Brother Wirt Darby was raised to the sublime degree. Taking part in the ceremony was his older brother Wade Darby serving as Senior Deacon and his younger brother Frank Darby acting as Junior Deacon. In the resulting ceremony Worshipful Master Vincent, on one side of the altar faced the three Darby brothers on the other side.

Annual exchange visits were made with Mission, Durant and Chateau Thierry lodges during the year.

At the stated meeting of September 8, eighty members sat down at the banquet table and heard a talk on the Pyramids of Ghizeh by Captain A. L. Becker, noted for his investigation of these Egyptian relics. Constitution Week was observed when all nine lodges of the 352nd and 358th Masonic Districts assembled in Oakland Lodge to hear Captain Becker give a talk on "Our American Heritage." Brother Charles Bishop of the 358th District was Master of Ceremonies.

Fifteen Past Masters were present September 23 on Past Masters Night with Past Master Elmer Elsen in the East. At the stated meeting of October 7 Senior Warden Willard Nutting, Jr., gave a talk on the Grand Lodge Communication just closed.

Ladies Night was held November 18. The girls of Oakland Assembly No. 11, Order of Rainbow Girls, served the meal.

Election was held at the stated meeting December 2 and Brother Willard Nutting, Jr., was chosen Master for 1960.

Installation of officers was held December 12. This was the Lodge's ninety-second installation. Past Master Irid Collins was Master of Ceremonies for the opening when the Colors were saluted and Pledge of Allegiance given. Past Master Milton Hendrickson delivered the Invocation. Retiring Master Floyd Vincent, assisted by Past Master Collins, proceeded to seat Brother Willard Nutting as Worshipful Master. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Elmer Elsen and the portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master Stuart Hedlund. The class gift was made by Brother John W. Carter. The Past Masters apron was presented by Senior Warden Hart Robertson. Musical selections were presented by Mrs. Beth Buttersill, Past Master Carleton Marshall and Brother Arthur Maryatt while Brother Frank Pilling presided at the piano.



All Free Masons are impressed with the fact that the great tenants of our order are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.



Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons is the title assumed by American and English Grand Lodges. The "Accepted" comes from the fact that modern speculative Masons were accepted into the old Free Mason lodges.



An anti-Masonic political party was organized in 1831 and nominated candidates for president and vice-president of the United States. The party was badly defeated only obtaining seven electoral votes. It never survived.





. . . 1960 . . .

Willard H. Nutting, Jr.

Oakland, as well as Alameda County, proved to be a fast growing section of California. From 1850 when the city started, the growth was steady and in 1960 the 733 square miles of the county showed a population of 908,209 persons. Of this number the 1960 census showed Oakland to have 367,575 residents. The school registration reported 74,854 children in all grades. Alameda county schools for this year gave 201,880 youngsters from kindergarten to high school. Predictions were that when the next national census was taken in 1970 the county would top the million mark by a substantial figure.

Also in 1960 the city of Oakland decided it needed a stadium that benefitted the city as a sports and convention center. The citizens voted \$13,700,000 for its construction. This stadium will be the scene of the National American Athletic Union track and field meet in 1967.

Worshipful Master Willard Nutting during the year put his staff of officers through their paces by frequently moving them into the stations ahead. It proved most satisfactory for by the end of the year they became noted for the smoothness and efficiency of their performances. At practically every stated meeting the Lodge received increased applications for the privilege of taking degrees. Also during the year numerous social events took place participated in by members and their wives and friends.

The stated meeting of January 6 was featured by the presentation of two 50 year pins from the Grand Lodge. These were given Brothers Louis J. Schaacke and William Pierce, the presentations being made by Brother Howard Kaulbach, Grand Lodge Inspector.

The San Leandro Theatre Group presented a three act play January

30 for Oakland Lodge members and their wives. The play was directed by Brother Harold West. The following week in the Lodge room Brother Norman Dutt gave an illuminating talk on "Masonry in the Scandinavian Countries," a report on his recent visit to Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Masonic rites were held February 3 for Brother William Lutkey, Chief of the Oakland Fire Department. The rites were conducted by Worshipful Master Willard Nutting and were attended by a large number of Oakland Lodge and Fire Department members.

The annual Crab Feed was held February 10 and on February 17 Ladies Night took place.

An unusually interesting night was held March 23 when Worshipful Master Thomas Adams and the members of Durant Lodge made their annual visit. A degree team, headed by Past Master Merlin W. Deucquer and other officers of the Bay Area, took over and exemplified the first degree as taught by Emasculation Lodge of London, England. Brother Ben F. Sumner of Oakland Lodge, was the candidate. Lodge was closed in accordance with the English form.

A simulated Masonic trial was held March 30 with Past Master Milton Hendrickson as the victim, charged with unMasonic like conduct. Past Master Irving Magnus presided as trial master. Brother Lester McElwain served as attorney for the accuser and Brother Robert Corson was attorney for the accused. Brothers Jay T. Hill, L. Price Boyle, William Agers, Samuel Chu, Richard Venable and Past Master John C. Taylor were the commissioners.

Mission Lodge paid its visit to Oakland Lodge April 20 and raised an Oakland candidate. Public Schools Week was observed April 26 by a visit to Charles Whitton School for Handicapped Children. A puppet show was staged to the delight of the youngsters.

Our Secretary Melvin Lorenzo Graves was surprised in the banquet hall May 4 when he was the guest of honor on his eightieth birthday. In the hall he found waiting for him a large birthday cake and several floral pieces some of which had been flown from Honolulu by Brother James Slattery. After being decorated with leis and making a few remarks Brother Mel cut his birthday cake. Brothers John Stohr and Robert Gaylord acted as Masters of Ceremony.

The annual weekend outing for members and their wives was to Pacific Grove, May 21. Following the dinner the women were treated to special entertainment while the brothers assembled in the lodge and raised a member of Pacific Grove Lodge No. 331 to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Fathers and Sons Night, May 25, was a big success with a fine attendance. The boys were entertained with a special program directed by Brother Victor Arnold.

The members were guests on June 8 of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company on a visit to the company's atomic plant at Vallecito. The company supplied buses for the trip and after the plant inspection they were entertained at dinner at the Castlewood Country club. On June 29 more than 150 members and wives enjoyed a picnic in Lincoln Park, Alameda.

On July 6 Oakland Lodge had 816 Master Masons. Two applicants were elected to receive degrees and four members of 40 years standing had their dues remitted. Dues of seven others, unable to pay their dues because of disabilities, were also remitted. The annual Coaches Night was held August 24.

Brother Edward Toothman, Chief of Police of the Oakland Police Department gave a talk on "Police Problems" at the stated meeting of September 7. On September 14 five lodges of the 358th Masonic District met in Scottish Rite Temple for the annual Constitution Week observance. The annual meeting with Mission Lodge was held September 24. Past Masters Night took place October 12 with 18 Past Masters present to raise a candidate. The Oakland coaches repeated October 19 to raise a Brother to the sublime degree.

The annual visit to Durant Lodge took place October 26 when Oakland's officers raised a Durant candidate. On Bob Ford Night, November 9, Chateau Thierry Lodge visited and raised Brother Harold R. Jordan whose father had come all the way from St. Louis to be present for the ceremony.

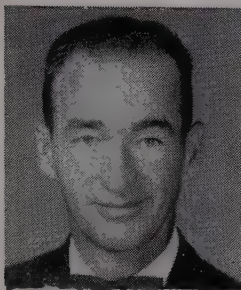
At the stated meeting of December 7 the yearly report showed that Oakland Lodge in 1960 had lost 25 members by death, two by demit and seven for non-payment of dues, leaving a membership of 803 Master Masons. The records also revealed that Oakland Lodge held 1984 shares

of Masonic Temple stock with a value of \$40 per share. Election of officers was held and Brother Harte Robertson was chosen Master for 1961.

Installation of officers was held Saturday, December 10. The Past Masters were escorted ceremoniously into the Lodge room. Past Master Irid Collins, assisted by the retiring Master's Mother, Mrs. Mary Nutting, and his wife Priscilla, presented the Past Masters jewel. The Past Masters portrait was presented by Past Master Artie Clark and the class gift was made by Brother Harold Jordan. The Past Masters apron was presented by Senior Warden Neil Harmon. Following the ceremonies all adjourned to the banquet hall.



Darkness has in all systems of initiataion been described as a symbol of ignorance. Candidates brought from darkness to light are aware of this in Masonic initiations. Among the Druids this period of darkness was for nine days. In the Grecian mysteries it was for three times nine days, and, in the Persian mysteries, it was for fifty days.



. . . 1961 . . .

Harte E. Robertson

Internationally conditions worsened during 1961. On January 3 the United States severed relations with Cuba. In August East Berlin closed its border with the infamous Berlin Wall, erected to stop East Berliners from fleeing into West Berlin. Then, despite world protests, Russia on October 23, set off the heaviest nuclear blast in the world's history. The situation between the United States and Russia grew tense.

In Oakland Lodge the administration of Worshipful Master Harte Robertson got off to a fine start. The guest of honor at the stated meeting January 4, was Assistant Grand Lodge Treasurer Paul Pfleuger. The meeting was preceded by a roast beef dinner. Several applications were received. During the year a number of practice sessions were held in which the officers were moved up a step to prepare them for properly carrying on lodge ceremonies.

The annual Crab Feed was held February 15 and the members and guests heard an interesting talk delivered by John Dittrick of the Raiders football team. Members of Jobs Daughters served the meal. A Pot Luck dinner was held for members and wives March 22.

The seventy-ninth annual visit by Durant Lodge was made March 27 and a candidate was raised. The visit was returned October 25 when the Oakland Lodge Players presented the Masonic play "He Who Believeth," under direction of William Geha. This series of fraternal exchanges between these two lodges is said to be the longest continuous series of exchanges in the California Masonic fraternity.

Public Schools Week was observed April 24 with a visit to the Charles P. Howard School. At the stated meeting of May Brothers Charles P.

Howard and Walter Land were awarded their 50 year membership gold buttons by Brother Howard Kaulbach, Grand Lodge Inspector.

A week end outing was enjoyed by a fair sized group of members and wives Saturday, May 6. The party was met and greeted by Worshipful Master Phillip Ellis and members of Clear Lake Lodge No. 183, and assigned cabins at Jules Resort. Dinner was held in Lower Lake Masonic Temple at 6:30, after which the ladies were taken to a special entertainment and the brethren assembled in the Lodge room to raise a Clear Lake candidate. On Sunday the party enjoyed lake sports.

Mission Lodge made its annual visit May 10 and the members were entertained at dinner following which the play "He That Believeth" was presented by Oakland Players. The visit was returned September 20. At the stated meeting of June 7 Oakland Lodge had 794 members on its rolls. Members of Oakland Lodge met August in the lodge of Live Oak Lodge with approximately 1,000 area Masons to hear a lecture by Emmett McLaughlin, a former Catholic priest.

A barbecue and social evening drew a large number of Oakland members and wives to Lincoln Park, Alameda, September 13. Following the meal a community program was held.

Coaches Night took place October 18 and they performed an admirable job of raising a candidate.

On Saturday evening, October 23, Oakland Lodge met with Durant Lodge which it had sponsored in 1883, and with McKinley Lodge, which Durant had sponsored in 1902, with members' wives for a fine social evening in the Claremont Hotel.

Chateau Thierry's officers and members joined Oakland Lodge November 8 in observing Bob Ford Night. The following week the Past Masters took over the stations and raised a Brother to the degree of Master Mason.

Brother Herman Englehardt was presented his 50 year Grand Lodge button December 6, the presentation being made by Past Master John C. Taylor. The Shrine Chanters were present and gave a fine program. Election of officers was held and Brother Neil Harmon was elected Master for 1962. In the banquet hall the Shrine Potentates Band presented numbers.

The roll at the end of the year showed 788 members. The Grim Reaper had called 16 members and four were lost by demit.

Installation of Neil Harmon was held December 16. Retiring Master Harte Robertson was installing officer assisted by Past Master William Agers. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master Artie Clark. The Past Masters portrait was presented by Senior Warden Victor Arnold and the class gift was made by Brother Robert Mason. After the induction all retired to the banquet hall where refreshments were served by the young ladies of Oakland Assembly No. 11, Order of Rainbow.

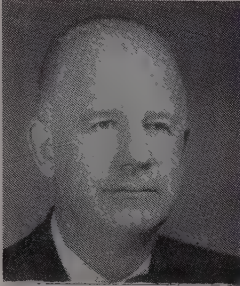


Masonic tradition states that Athelstan, King of England in 924, appointed his brother Edwin the Patron of Masonry in England and gave him a free charter to hold an annual Communication of all Masons in England to form a Grand Lodge of England. This was done in 926 at York.



A TEMPLE IS ERECTED TO GOD AND THE HOLY SAINTS JOHN

The year 1966 was a momentous one for the Masonic Bodies of the East Bay, for on May 7 of that year the cornerstone of our new Masonic Memorial Temple on Broadway was put in place in the presence of the officers of the California Grand Lodge and a large assemblage of Masonic brethren and friends. Again, on Saturday, November 26, the dedication services were held and the Temple was officially occupied. The Brothers had previously met for more than 85 years in the old Temple at Twelfth and Washington Streets.



. . . 1962 . . .

Neil S. Harmon

This was a momentous year for the United States. On February 28 Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., became the first American to orbit the earth, circling the globe three times in a Mercury capsule. This feat was repeated May 24 by Lt. Com. M. Scott Carpenter in another Mercury. Then Commander Walter M. Schirra in another Mercury capsule, circled our globe nine times. On April 23 U. S. Rocket Ranger IV was sent on its way to the moon from Cape Canaveral. It struck its target April 26 but, due to a malfunction, failed to send back data and expected pictures. The worst one day break in stock prices on the New York Stock Exchange since 1929 occurred May 28 with a loss of millions of dollars to market operators. However, fast action on the part of the Government and Wall Street prevented a panic start. The next day stocks rebounded sharply for a 65 per cent recovery. Most serious problem to face the nation was the Soviet build up of offensive weapons discovered in Cuba. This was revealed to the public October 22 by President Kennedy who immediately ordered a naval and air quarantine on shipments of military equipment to Cuba. The crises ended by Soviet Premier Krushchev ordering installations dismantled and returned to Russia, thereby preventing the start of World war Three. This was followed by 1,113 Cuban invasion prisoners being released and flown to Miami, Florida, after Fidel Castro had held up the United States for \$52,000,000 worth of medicines, medical equipment and baby food as the price of ransom.

Oakland business was only a little affected by the stock market jiggling and, Oakland Lodge not at all. The Lodge started off the year with 792 Master Masons. However, death was to rob the Lodge of 13 members by

the year's end. Demits and suspensions dropped the membership by then to 763 members.

Ladies Night was held January 31 and was well attended. Moving pictures "The American Road," and an auto trip around the world, were shown by Brother Edward Bigley.

A 25 year silver button was presented Brother Andrew Paulsen February 7. The presentation was made by Past Master Charles Elliott of Buckeye Lodge of Winters.

The annual Crab Feed which proved one of the outstanding gatherings at the banquet table occurred February 21. The girls of Bethel No. 12, Jobs Daughters, served and the Rev. Clarence Reidenbach gave a stirring talk on George Washington.

At the stated meeting March 7 a surprise birthday party was given Past Master Milton Hendrickson with Past Master George Perkins, who appointed Brother Milt to the line, as Master of Ceremonies. A birthday cake and a large collection of birthday cards was presented the guest of honor.

The degree team of the East Bay Masonic Club of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company took over the stations on March 21 and, headed by Past Master William Agers, raised a fellow employee.

Oakland Lodge lost another of its Past Masters March 26 in the passing of Past Master William Huffman, 1928, who died in his sleep at the age of 71 years, 11 months. Masonic services were held March 28 with Worshipful Master Neil Harmon officiating.

Oakland Lodge's oldest member, Dr. Hayward Thomas, aged 99 years, died March 27. He was raised May 13, 1899.

Durant Lodge paid its annual visit and raised an Oakland candidate March 28. Our Lodge returned the visit on September 26.

A spaghetti dinner was held April 18 with wives of the members as guests. The meal was served by the young ladies of Bethel No. 207 of San Leandro. Mrs. Geha sang.

A week end visit was made to Sacramento May 5 by members and their families. Host was Oak Plains Lodge No. 789. An excursion was made to McClellan Air Field. This was followed by dinner after which the Brethren assembled in the Lodge room of Oak Plains and raised one of their candi-

dates. Sunday morning, following a joint breakfast, an inspection of the Sacramento deep water channel project took place followed by a visit to the state Capitol building.

Oakland members paid their annual visit to Mission Lodge May 23. Following a dinner our officers passed a Mission Entered Apprentice to the degree of Fellow Craft. On August 15 Mission Lodge returned the visit and joined in honoring Brother Oscar Hager who had just passed his 80th birthday. The meal was served by Oakland Assembly No. 11, Rainbow Girls. Brother Hager was presented with an inscribed cake. A special visit was made to Mission Lodge when our Mother Lodge observed its one hundredth anniversary with a dinner September 26. Past Master Melvin Graves, our Secretary, gave a talk on the part Mission Lodge played in our formation by furnishing us with their Past Master Nathan Spaulding who became our first Worshipful Master. He was Mission's second Master.

Sixty-eight members of Oakland Lodge and a large group from Oak Plains Lodge of Sacramento joined Saturday, September 29, in San Francisco for a cruise about the bay and a visit to the new Masonic Temple where the party was conducted through the new edifice by Grand Secretary Edward Siems.

Brother Albert E. Crawford was presented his 50 year veterans button October 3. The presentation was made by Past Master Sidney Sea on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Brother Crawford was accompanied by two Past Masters, Brothers Olsen and Cuthbertson, of Palo Alto Lodge.

The Montclair Recreation Center was the scene of a barbecue for members and their families October 10. Brother William Geha presided. Charcoal burners were furnished by various lodge members. Past Masters Night was observed October 24 with Past Masters Irid Collins and Roy Cowles in the East for the two sections. The annual Coaches Night was held October 31 under Head Coach Harold Jordan. A Fellow Craft of Oak Plains Lodge was raised to the sublime degree.

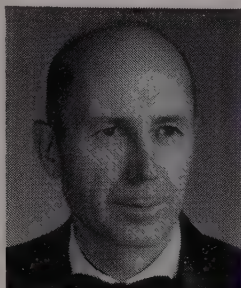
Bob Ford Night and the annual visit of Chateau Thierry Lodge was observed November 14. One of the visiting Lodge's candidates was raised to the third degree. Past Master Milton Hendrickson spoke on the part our late Past Master Bob Ford played in organization of Chateau Thierry.

The stated meeting of December 5 was featured by two events. Brother Harry E. Myers was presented with his 50 year button by Grand Lodge Inspector Ralph Webb. The other event was the election of officers. Brother Victor Arnold was chosen to lead Oakland Lodge in 1963.

Installation of officers took place December 13 in closed meeting while the wives and non-Masonic guests were being entertained on the second floor of the Temple. Installing officer was Retiring Master Neil Harmon assisted by Past Master Lester Landre as Master of Ceremonies. Presentation of a Past Masters gold certificate was made by Brother John G. Anderson. The Past Masters jewel was presented by Past Master William Agers and the retiring Master's portrait was presented by Past Master John Taylor. The Past Masters apron was given by Brother William Geha, Senior Warden. The class gift was made by Brother Oscar Jared.



Masonry is not a religion but a system of morality, a search for truth and immortality of the soul.



. . . 1963 . . .

Victor D. Arnold

During the year 1963 eight members were added by degrees, one by affiliation and one by restoration. Also, during the year, Worshipful Master Victor Arnold and his officers were called on to officiate at Masonic funerals for 19 of Oakland Lodge members of which two, Brothers John Gethen Evans and Floyd Henry Vincent were Past Masters.

Pictures of living Past Masters of Oakland Lodge appeared in each monthly Bulletin throughout the year, three to each issue. The officers of the Lodge also elected to wear business suits at all stated meetings. They also voted to wear white dinner jackets through the summer months in lieu of the tuxedos usually worn for degree work.

The stated meeting of January 2 was preceded by a corned beef and cabbage feed honoring three Past Masters, Brothers Russel Cowles, 1924; Sidney Sea, 1925 and George Perkins, 1930. Each told of interesting events that occurred during their occupancy of the Oriental chair.

Past Masters Ralph Kurtz, 1933, Melvin Graves, 1936, and Milton Hendrickson, 1935, were honorees at the stated meeting of February 6. On February 20 the annual Crab Feed took place with a large number of members present with their wives as guests. A showing of colored slides of the George Washington Memorial Monument was featured in a talk by Junior Warden Andrew Graham.

At the stated meeting of March 6 the original parchment charter of Oakland Lodge No. 188 was unrolled and read, after which it was put on display with instructions to members not to handle it as it was then 96 years old and quite fragile.

The eighty-first exchange of visits between Oakland and Durant Lodges took place March 20. This is the longest exchange of visits between our two lodges and is said to be the longest unbroken chain of visits in California Masonry.

Past Masters Night, March 27, was a roll call affair and saw 19 Past Masters and 120 members present. Each Past Master introduced the members of his class.

Past Master Ralph Webb, Inspector of the 359th Masonic District, paid his official call at the stated meeting of April 3 at which time Past Masters John G. Evans, 1943, William Horgan, 1944, and Irid Collins, 1947, were honored.

Worshipful Master Francis Shuman and his officers of Mission Lodge paid a visit April 10 and conferred the second degree on a waiting brother. Observance of Public Schools Week featured a visit to the campus of Laney Oakland City College. A tour of the shops was followed by refreshments.

The officers, members and their wives made a visit to Forbestown in the California Mother Lode near Oroville, April 24. After a fine dinner prepared by the women of Forbestown, the ladies of our party were entertained at a bingo party while the brothers conferred a third degree on a brother of Forbestown Lodge No. 50, as well as a Fellow Craft degree on a brother from Oak Plains Lodge of Sacramento. The Forbestown Temple is said to be the second oldest in California still in use. The following day the party visited the big Oroville-Feather river dam which, when completed, will be the largest earth filled dam in the world.

A pot luck dinner and family night was held May 2 and, as usual, was well attended. Also this month George Norton, 1948, Stuart Hedlund, 1949, and Rue Sims, 1950, were the honored Past Masters. At the stated meeting of June 5 the brethren who had affiliated were honored as were Past Masters John Taylor, 1951, James Wilson, 1953, and Elmer Elsen, 1954.

Members of the Pacific Service Club of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, visited Oakland Lodge June 12 to confer a third degree. On June 17 a large number of Oakland Lodge members visited Ashland Lodge to surprise Brother Leo Paulos who had demitted from our lodge to help form Ashland Lodge. On this night he was to confer a third degree.

Past Masters Burton Griswold, 1955, Artie Clark, 1956, and William Agers, 1957, were honored at the July 31 meeting. On July 26 Oakland members and their wives joined with 302 other lodge members from the district for a four hour cruise of the bay aboard the Harbor Prince. During the trip a dinner was served.

At the stated meeting of August 7 Brother William J. Parry, lone survivor of the class of 1913, was presented with his 50 year Grand Lodge button by Ralph Webb, Grand Lodge Inspector. Seven 50 year members were present to welcome him into their exclusive club. At the stated meeting of September 4, Past Masters Lester Landre, 1958, Floyd Vincent, 1959, and Willard Nutting, Jr., 1960, were honored.

The fourth annual barbecue was held in Lincoln Park, Alameda, September 18. Steaks were served off the grill and the weatherman cooperated fully. This was the Centennial Year of Mission Lodge and on September 25, thirty-five members of Oakland visited their Mother Lodge in San Francisco.

October proved one of the busiest months of the year for Oakland Lodge. At the stated meeting, October 2, Past Masters Harte Robertson, 1961, Neil Harmon, 1962, and present Master Victor Arnold were honorees. On October 2 the eighty-second exchange visit to Durant Lodge in Berkeley took place. These visits started in 1883 when transportation between Oakland and Berkeley was by horse and buggy over dirt roads.

Coaches Night brought forth a burst of smiles from the brothers assembled to witness the raising of Brother Charles Ernshaw. Our Tiler, Brother Albert Rogers, was invited by Worshipful Master Arnold to come into the lodge and occupy a seat in the East. Thereupon our Tiler demanded an escort. As this was the custom back through the years, but mostly honored in the breach, it was furnished him to the delight of the assembled brothers.

Twenty-four Past Masters held their annual reunion and conferred a third degree. Past Master Elmer Elsen served as Master in the first half and Past Master Irid Collins in the second section. Past Master Milton Hendrickson gave the Masters lecture and Past Master Lester Landre delivered the charge.

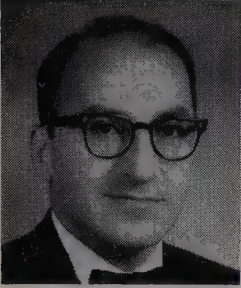
The annual Bob Ford Night was held November 13 at which time the lodge was visited by Chateau Thierry Lodge to confer the third degree on a Fellow Craft of their Lodge.

At the "Mr. and Mrs. Night," November 20, Miss Terri Wilson, daughter of our Brother William Wilson and Honored Queen of Bethel No. 75, Jobs Daughters, and her staff of officers, exemplified the initiatory work of Jobs Daughters for the edification of our members and guests.

Open installation ceremonies were held December 14 when Retiring Master Victor Arnold, assisted by Past Master Burton Griswold as Master of Ceremonies, installed Brother William Geha and his officers for 1964. A Masters ring instead of the usual jewel, was presented retiring Master Victor Arnold by Past Master Lester Landre. The portrait was presented by Past Master James Wilson and a Past Masters gold certificate was presented by Senior Steward George Ruuth. The Past Masters apron was presented by Senior Warden Andrew Graham.



According to Mackey, Masonic writer, the masters gavel is also called "Hiram" because it keeps order in the lodge as he did in the Temple.



. . . 1964 . . .

William Geha

The year 1964 proved a momentous one for the nation. Its events had repercussions that were to be felt for several years to come. The assassination of President John Kennedy on November 22, 1963, came as a thunder clap, its effects being felt into 1964, upsetting economic conditions and catapulting Lyndon Johnson into the Presidents chair. In this year of 1964 a Civil Rights Bill was enacted and \$1,100,500 housing act was approved by Washington. A fight on poverty was inaugurated by the new President. Congress also gave him authority to use all necessary means to repel armed attack and to prevent aggression. He was also given authority to give help when requested by any SEATO nation, including Viet Nam. Early in the year following riots in the Panama Canal Zone, a break in relations between the United States and the Republic of Panama occurred. Racial riots also occurred in our South. In March a tremendous earthquake in Alaska caused great damage and triggered tidal waves that hit Hawaii and the West Coast doing damage amounting to millions of dollars and taking 12 lives in Crescent City, California. A new milestone in space exploration was set by the United States when a space vehicle sent back new and close-up pictures of our lunar satellite.

At the stated meeting of January 8 Oakland Lodge's Worshipful Master William Geha held a discussion on committee work for the coming year and general plans were laid. January also saw the first visiting team of the year when the Oakland Masonic Police Club, led by Brother Ritchie, called to raise Brother Jack Yale to the sublime degree.

Certificates of merit were presented Brothers Carl Souza and Fredrick Marr by Past Master Victor Arnold. M. L. Luckenbaugh gave a talk on Masonry in the Near East.

The annual Crab Feed took place February 12 with 175 members and guests present. Speaker of the evening was George Vulkesin, president of the Oakland Port Commission.

Brother David Carmichael, raised in Kilwinning Lodge No. 370 of Paisley, Scotland, March 3, 1903, and affiliated with Oakland Lodge April 7, 1923, died at the age of 83 years, seven months, on February 16.

An unusual meeting was held February 15 when Worshipful Master Geha held an open forum discussion. A wide range of Masonic and lodge subjects was talked over.

Alcatraz Lodge No. 244 visited February 26 and witnessed the raising of a Fellow Craft to Master Mason.

A Near East Evening was featured March 11 at which a Lebanese dinner was served. Speakers were Elias Geha and Dr. John Mirhij, both Lebanese born. Oriental music and dances featured the entertainment and banquet hall and lodge room were decorated in Lebanese style.

Durant Lodge paid its regular visit to Oakland Lodge March 25 and raised an Oakland candidate. The visit, the eighty-third, was returned by Oakland members October 21. Brother Henry Durant, after whom the Berkeley Lodge was named, was founder of the University of California and its first president. He was raised in Oakland Lodge June 4, 1870, at the age of 68. He demitted in 1883 to aid in instituting the Berkeley lodge which was sponsored by our lodge. At the October meeting the officers of Oakland Lodge raised two Durant candidates.

At the stated meeting of April 1, Dr. Forrest Mitchell, assistant superintendent of Oakland schools, spoke on trends in education. Past Master Victor Arnold presented the members of the Lodge Coaching staff certificates of merit. A return visit to Alcatraz Lodge was made April 8 when our members witnessed the conferring of a first degree on an Alcatraz candidate.

Public Schools Week was observed April 22 when the lodges of the 358th District visited King Junior High School. Dinner was served to

more than 450 guests by the PTA. The students presented an interesting program with Dr. McGee, principal, acting as Master of Ceremonies. On April 29 Oakland Lodge visited Mission Lodge and raised a candidate. Warren J. Blomseth, Grand Lodge Senior Deacon, visited May 6 and was received with honors. The Shrine Chanters were present.

Oakland Lodge members paid a visit to the General Motors plant in Fremont May 13, and after a tour of the plant enjoyed a luncheon. A pot luck dinner for members and families took place May 20 and was followed by a program of folk songs.

At the stated meeting of June 3 Brothers Sidney Sea, Melvin Graves and William Geha were named to represent the Lodge on the Oakland Masonic Temple Board. A Flag Day program was observed at the June 10 meeting, featured by patriotic addresses and songs. On Sunday, June 14, a number of members and their families held a picnic at Steele Park, Lake Berryessa.

Fathers and Sons Night, June 17, brought out a fine group of youngsters. On June 24 the Masonic play "He That Believeth," was presented by the Oakland Lodge players. A roast beef dinner was featured at the stated meeting of July 1 and Brother Samuel Ford spoke on "Masonic Presidents of the U.S."

The stated meeting of August 5 revealed there were 750 on the rolls at the start of the year. By June 30 this had been cut to 715 by death and other causes. On August 23 the annual visit was made to the Masonic Home.

The Constitution and what it means to us was the theme of the stirring talk given September 16 in the Scottish Rite Temple as a feature of the dinner honoring Constitution Month. Speaker was Judge Richard Chamberlin. A barbecue and picnic was held by Oakland Lodge in the East Bay Regional Park for members and friends September 20.

Mission Lodge visited Oakland Lodge September 30 and a 50 year Grand Lodge button was presented one of their members by Grand Lodge Inspector Ralph Webb. The San Francisco brothers also passed an Oakland Entered Apprentice.

Kent D. Pursel of the Alameda County Supervisors, was speaker at the meeting of October 7. Brother Clifford Archambault was presented

with his 50 year Grand Lodge pin and Worshipful Master William Geha made a report on the resolutions presented at the Grand Lodge Convocation.

An unusual third degree was conferred on Brother John A. Peterson, son of our Brother Frank E. Peterson, on October 14. He had received his first two degrees in Carribean Naval Lodge, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Then Fidel Castro, Cuban dictator, closed all Masonic Lodges in that country. California Grand Lodge requested Oakland Lodge to confer the third degree on Brother Peterson which was done in due and ancient form.

At the stated meeting of November 4 Grand Lodge Inspector Ralph Webb presented a 50 year gold veterans button to Brother John Aljets who came from Santa Rosa to receive the honor.

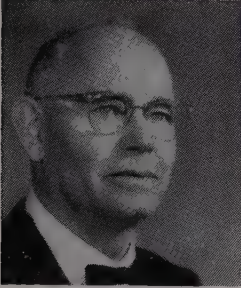
Bob Ford Night was held November 11 and Chateau Thierry Lodge paid its annual visit. The following Wednesday the degree team of the Southern Pacific Transportation Craftsmen visited and raised one of their workers.

Annual election of officers was held December 2. Brother Andrew Graham was elected Master for 1965.

Installation of officers took place in the Lodge hall with Retiring Master William Geha acting as installing officer.



Blue is the symbolic color of Masonry, the color of the veil of heaven that covered the whole globe. Among nearly all nations of antiquity blue was the symbol of truth and immortality.



. . . 1965 . . .

Andrew G. Graham

The year 1965 will stand out in East Bay Masonic history as the year in which the ground was broken late in the fall for the new Masonic Memorial Temple on Broadway at Fortieth Street. By the fall of 1966 the structure and lodge rooms were to be occupied by the various Masonic organizations to call it their home. The Masonic Lodges will be Oakland No. 188, Live Oak No. 61, Sequoia No. 349, Fremont No. 497, Fellowship No. 480, Elmhurst No. 610, and Fortitude No. 624. The York Rite Bodies will consist of Oakland Chapter No. 36, R.A.M., Oakland Commandery No. 11, K.T., and Oakland Council No. 12, R. & S.M. The three Eastern Star Chapters will be Oak Leaf No. 8, O.E.S., Unity Chapter No. 65, O.E.S., and Plymouth Chapter No. 243.

In addition it will also have the East Bay Masonic Board of Relief as a tenant. Officers and directors of the Temple Association consist of Sidney Sea, president; Henry W. Gutte, Jr., vice president; Melvin L. Graves, treasurer and Clarence A. Severin, secretary. The directors are Aaron Turner, Rupert I. Jones, C. Herman Carlson, Andrew G. Graham, Fred B. Hack, Neeld D. Tanksley and Laurence E. Dayton.

The Oakland Lodge year started off January 27 with a Masonic Research and Educational meeting directed by Brother Edward Bigley, chairman of Research and Masonic Education.

At the stated meeting of February 3, the guest of honor in the banquet hall was our own Brother Oscar Hager in "This Is Your Life" program. Brother Oscar has been an active member for 47 years, 25 of which he has spent on the visiting committee where he has always been a faithful visitor to our ill brethren.

The annual Crab Dinner took place the evening of February 24 with 124 present. The meal was served by the boys of Rockridge Chapter, Order of De Molay. Brother Harry Roderick of Chateau Thierry Lodge showed slides of ancient automobiles that brought back memories to many older members.

The Corn Beef and Cabbage Feed took place, naturally, at the meeting on St. Patricks Day, March 17. Added interest to the affair was given by the showing of old time pictures of Oakland, presented by Brother Albert Norman of Live Oak Lodge.

The members had the first opportunity of viewing the plans of the new Masonic Temple at the stated meeting of April 7. Architect Chester H. Treichel explained the various features of the new building. Also at this meeting Brother William C. Herbert was installed Junior Steward. Brother George Ruuth, Jr., was advanced to Senior Deacon and Brother Charles Earnshaw to Senior Steward. The changes in the line were caused by the resignation of Senior Deacon John Anderson.

The officers and members made their annual visit to Mission Lodge April 21 and raised a Mission candidate.

The annual Public Schools Week visit was made April 28 to Laney College, formerly Oakland City College, and named for Brother Joseph Laney who became a member of Oakland Lodge August 6, 1948, at the age of 66 years. His sons both became members of Oakland Lodge.

The out of town visit was made to Ophir Lodge in Murphys, May 15. Brother Conrad Breedlove was raised to the degree of Master Mason. A fine delegation of members and wives made the trip to the famous old Mother Lode mining town.

The Roast Beef Dinner of May 26 was featured by a talk by Brother James Pittman on the Oakland schools. Membership of the lodge was announced as 706 Master Masons.

A Sunday picnic was held at the Little Hills Ranch June 6 with five lodges participating. On June 10 Oakland Lodge members made their annual visit to Chateau Thierry when an Oakland candidate was passed through the first degree.

On Sunday, June 13, Oakland Lodge lost one of its most active and eminent members. Past Master Robert B. Gaylord, Past Eminent Com-

mander of the Grand Commandery of the United States, passed away in his sleep. He was raised in Oakland Lodge, June 30, 1928, and was Master in 1938. Masonic rites, attended by a large gathering from Oakland Lodge, the Commandery and Masonic friends, was held in the Grant Miller parlors with Most Worshipful Master Andrew Graham officiating. A uniformed guard from Commandery No. 11, was present.

A need to raise lodge dues was stressed by Past Master Sidney Sea at the stated meeting of August 7. Action was put over to a later meeting to determine the amount of increase and to give the members time to study the proposal.

Formal ground breaking for the new Masonic Temple was held August 19. The ceremonies were conducted by Oakland and Live Oak Lodges and the Commandery. Brother Lawrence Dayton, Senior Grand Warden of California Grand Lodge and Past Master of Live Oak Lodge and President of the Temple Association, officiated. Numbers of Lodge members and the Commandery were present. The day was also the 112th anniversary of Live Oak Lodge.

A resolution to raise the Lodge dues from \$18 to \$24 was adopted at the stated meeting September 1. The vote was unanimous when called for on October 6. At the same meeting the life membership was raised to \$500 starting January 1, 1966. A new fund, the Temple Furnishing Fund, was started to raise money for furnishings of the new lodge rooms.

All lodges of the 358th District observed Constitution Day at the Scottish Rite Temple with a dinner at which Senior Warden Jay T. Hill of Oakland Lodge presided. Brother Lawrence Dayton, Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge, was introduced by Grand Lodge Inspector Ralph Webb, as speaker.

Nineteen Past Masters of Oakland Lodge were present at the Past Masters Night, September 22. They proved they had not forgotten their lodge work by raising a candidate to the sublime degree in a most efficient manner.

A return visit was made to Durant Lodge where our officers raised a Durant candidate. Mission Lodge paid its visit October 27 at which time Brother George Courregas gave a talk on the Masonic Board of Relief of which he is Secretary.

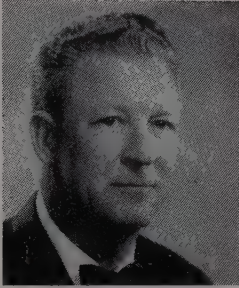
Chateau Thierry members paid their annual visit on Bob Ford Night, November 10, and raised a candidate of Foothill Lodge to the sublime degree. Coaches Night was held November 17 at which time a candidate was raised in due and ancient form.

At the stated meeting of December 1 a motion was passed instructing Treasurer Sidney Sea to withdraw from the savings account of the lodge the sum of \$10,000 to be invested in Oakland Temple stock. Oakland Lodge at present holds 1984 shares valued at \$40 a share. Election of officers was also held and Brother Jay T. Hill was selected to head the Lodge in 1966. A life membership was also awarded Retiring Master Andrew Graham.

Installation of officers took place Saturday, December 11, in the presence of members and a large number of guests. Retiring Master Andrew Graham, acted as installing officer, assisted by Past Master Harte Robertson as Master of Ceremonies. The National Colors were escorted into the Lodge room by a color guard from the Commandery. Past Master Irid Collins presented Brother Graham with the Past Masters ring. The portrait of the retiring Master was presented by Past Master Victor Arnold. The class present was made by Brother Lowell Simmons. Refreshments followed.



The Honorable Elizabeth Aldworth was given the first and second degrees in Lodge No. 44 of Doneraile, Ireland, in 1735, and a Mrs. Beaton was given the first degree in Norfolk, England, in 1802, according to ancient records. Both women had been caught eavesdropping on the ceremonies.



. . . 1966 . . .

Jay T. Hill

The year 1966 was an outstanding one for Oakland Lodge as well as for the other lodges in the area. In this year three outstanding Masonic events took place. The first was the laying of the cornerstone of our new Masonic Memorial Temple at Fortieth and Broadway. The second was the moving into the Temple of the various Masonic bodies who will be occupying the 1.5 million dollar three story structure. The third event was the dedication of the Temple by Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of California, Saturday, November 26.

The cornerstone laying ceremonies took place Saturday, May 7, 1966, in the presence of Right Worshipful Laurence E. Dayton, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California and the officers of the Grand Lodge, as well as approximately a thousand East Bay Masonic Lodge members and their friends.

The ceremonies started with a two block parade of the Grand Lodge officers and participating Masonic units in full regalia. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Laurence E. Dayton was introduced by Sidney F. Sea, Past Master of Oakland Lodge and President of the Oakland Masonic Temple Association, following the Invocation by the Rev. Clarence Reid-enbach, Past Grand Chaplain. The cornerstone was anointed with the traditional corn, wine and oil. Behind the cornerstone was placed a square copper box containing histories and mementoes of the occupying lodges, photographs, copies of newspapers of the day and other records. Deputy Grand Master Dayton, with a special trowel supplied by Oakland Lodge No. 188, applied the mortar after which the symbolic tools of the Masons' craft,

the square, level and plumb were applied. He then pronounced the stone "well formed, true and trusty."

In the address of the day Grand Orator Warren Blomseth read a newspaper account of the laying of the cornerstone of the National Capitol in 1793 by President George Washington.

"With equal pride the Masons of California may reflect upon their cornerstone in the knowledge that it, too, has been laid in a manner creditable to the craft," declared Blomseth. "We are confident this structure will produce a glorious history of its own, creating its own traditions as it becomes a symbol of and for Masonry in this community."

Chairman of the event was William Geha, Past Master of Oakland Lodge. The oil was poured on the stone by Jay T. Hill, Worshipful Master of Oakland Lodge.

The Temple is a three storied structure. Each of the two top floors contain Lodge and banquet halls, kitchens, social rooms, lounge and committee rooms. The entire ground floor will be occupied by the Fireman's Fund. A 90-car parking lot is located at the rear of the building.

Occupants of the Temple will be Live Oak Lodge No. 61, Oakland Lodge No. 188, Sequoia Lodge No. 349, Fellowship Lodge No. 480, Fremont Lodge No. 497, Elmhurst Lodge No. 610, Fortitude Lodge No. 624, Oakland Commandery 11, K.T., Oakland Chapter 36 Royal and Select Masters, Oak Leaf Chapter Order of Eastern Star, Unity Chapter Order Eastern Star, Plymouth Chapter Order Eastern Star, East Bay Masonic Board of Relief and Rockridge Women's Club.

On August 3 Oakland Lodge held its last stated meeting in the old Temple at Twelfth and Washington Streets, home of the Lodge since 1881. It was announced that commencing in September all future meetings would be held in the new Memorial Temple, 3903 Broadway. The first stated meeting in the new and as yet not fully equipped Temple took place on the second floor meeting hall September 7. Little business was transacted and the brothers spent much of the time in inspecting the magnificent new building.

The Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge again assembled in the new Temple on the night of Saturday, November 27, to dedicate the structure in due and ancient form. This was an official meeting of the Grand Lodge



A CORNERSTONE IS LAID

Pictures of the ceremonies attending the laying of the cornerstone of the Masonic Memorial Temple, May 7, 1966.



of California and was highly impressive. Most of the Grand Officers, under leadership of Grand Master Dayton, took part. Present also were several hundred Masons of the East Bay and California.

Returning to the start of 1966, at the January 5 stated meeting held in the old Temple, George Ruuth, Sr., gave a talk on Masonry. Three new members, all brothers, were given their third degree proficiency examination by Brother Milton Hendrickson, Past Master.

There was no formal meeting of the Lodge January 12 as the Lodge room was rearranged to permit the De Molay boys to present their degree work which proved most impressive. On January 19 a Lodge of Master Masons was held to confer the third degree with the Masters lecture being given by Worshipful Master Jay T. Hill, and the charge delivered by Brother Ted Fairclough. On January 26 a pot luck dinner was held and Brother Otto H. Hieb, world traveler, showed pictures of his travels.

At the stated meeting of February 2 candidates were voted on and Brother James Pittman showed a reel of pictures of the Viet Nam war, Japan and the Philippines. The annual crab feed was held February 23 followed by pictures of the Pacific coast and the High Sierra. Worshipful Ralph M. Webb, Grand Lodge Inspector for the 358th Masonic District, paid his official visit March 2 and was received with honors.

The members of Oakland Lodge paid a visit to Alcatraz Lodge in Scottish Rite Temple March 9. They were greeted by Worshipful Master William M. Autry and heard an interesting talk by Brother Tsen-Fu-Wei, Past Grand Master of China, who spoke on Chinese Lodge procedures. On March 16 the brethren and their wives visited the General Motors plant in Fremont.

The annual visit to our Mother Lodge, Mission Lodge in San Francisco, took place April 20. Public Schools Week was observed April 25 by a visit to Chabot College in Hayward. The annual visit to Durant Lodge took place May 25 and a most enjoyable evening was spent by members and their wives.

At the stated meeting of June 1 Past Master Sidney Sea gave a talk on the cornerstone laying and outlined the Masonic Temple Boards prospective program for the coming year.

An interesting evening was held June 8 with a program of Masonic education and research. Worshipful Master Jay T. Hill introduced the program. The opening remarks were by E. J. Bigley, master of ceremonies. Speakers were W. H. Nutting, Jr., Past Master, who spoke on Charity; Elmer Elsen, Past Master, whose subject was Prince Hall Masonry in the United States; Marshal Ted Fairclough on Grand Lodge Certificates; Junior Steward Keith Abshire speaking on Salute to the Flag; L. Price Boyles, Senior Warden on The Altar of Masonry; Past Master Lester Landry on Throwing Rocks; Past Master Irid Collins on Notes on the Constitution; and Past Master Sidney Sea on Prayer in a Masonic Lodge. This was followed by contributinal thoughts and general discussion by the members. It was a completely rewarding meeting.

On Saturday, June 11, a large group of members and wives journeyed to Lake Tahoe where they were greeted by the members of Tahoe Lodge No. 707. In the Lodge room our own member Brother Carl Walling was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Oakland Lodge also donated \$25 to Lake Tahoe Lodge to start a Masonic Temple Fund for that lodge.

In the Lodge of Master Masons June 22, Brother Carl De Souza occupied the East for the first half of the ceremony of raising his own brother Frank J. De Souza. Senior Warden L. Price Boyles presided in the second half.

Several East Bay lodges joined Saturday, August 7, in a picnic in the new Crow Canyon Park near Hayward. The lodges participating were Oakland, Acorn, Diamond, Foothill, Fruitvale and Plymouth.

Our long time Secretary Melvin Lorenzo Graves was honored with a surprise dinner party on his birthday, August 10. Following the compliments to his long service to Oakland Lodge, the presentations and ribbings, a movie, "This Wonderful World," was presented by Worshipful Master Jay Hill. On August 30 a number of the members and their wives visited with Sequoia Lodge to view a fashion show in the Madison Street Temple.

Following our first stated meeting in the new Temple on September 7, a special patriotic observance of Constitution Week was held September 14. Then, on September 17, Oakland Lodge gathered with other lodges for the same observance in the Shrine Temple, 3291 School Street, and to listen to an address by Captain A. L. Baker.

Members of Albany Lodge visited Oakland in its new meeting hall September 23 to observe Brother Paul Ross and Brother Crawford Norman, father and grandfather of Brother Robert Norman Ross, confer the third degree on him. The charge was given by Brother Ted Fairclough. It was the first third degree conferred by Oakland Lodge in the new Temple.

November 9 was the annual Coaches Night. Tiler Albert Rogers and Coaches George Atkinson and Carl De Souza were escorted to seats in the East. The coaches team then conferred the third degree on a waiting brother. Brother Leslie G. Wood presided as Master in the first half and Brother Ted Fairclough as Master in the second half. Brother Atkinson delivered the Masters lecture and Brother Joe Weldon gave the charge.

The official dedication of the new Temple was held Saturday, November 26, in the third floor lodge room by the Grand Lodge officers. Following this, entertainment was presented in the dining hall by Richard Nutting and Mrs. Norma Geha. Grand Master Dayton also gave an inspiring talk.

The brothers of Oakland Lodge were saddened on November 21 by the passing of Brother Oscar Michael Hager after a long illness. He was 84 years of age and had been a member of Oakland Lodge for forty-eight years. During the past 25 years he had been an active visitant to ill brothers of the lodge. Fifty brothers attended the last rites which were presided over by Worshipful Master Jay T. Hill. Brother Oscar's position which he performed so faithfully, will be a hard one to fill.

Seventeen past occupants of the East were present Past Masters Night, November 30. Annual roll call was held. Those present ranged from Past Master Sidney Sea, 1925, to Past Master Andrew G. Graham, 1965.

Election of officers was held December 7. The tellers were Past Masters Milton Hendrickson, William Kitto, Stuart Hedlund and William Geha. The members then elected L. Price Boyles, Worshipful Master; George W. Ruuth, Senior Warden; James C. Clark, Junior Warden; Sidney F. Sea, Treasurer and Melvin L. Graves, Secretary. Appointed for the coming year were Lester Landry, P. M., Chaplain; Earl J. Walker, Marshal; William C. Herbert, Senior Deacon; Joseph Weldon, Junior Deacon; Keith M.

Abshire, Senior Steward; Leonard R. Simmons, Junior Steward; Walter Hadlock, Organist; and Albert E. Rogers, Tiler.

Following the election retiring Master Jay T. Hill presented the Lodge with a new Bible. A set of four new rods were presented by William Herbert, Joseph Weldon, Keith Abshire, Lester Landry, Charles Stewart and Ted Fairclough.

Open installation of officers was held Saturday, December 10, and saw Sidney Sea, Treasurer, and Melvin Graves, Secretary, installed each for the twenty-second time. Musical selections were given by Mrs. Norma Geha and Carleton Marshall, lodge soloist.

A Past Masters ring was presented Retiring Master Hill instead of the usual Past Masters jewel. The picture of the Retiring Master was presented by Past Master Harte Robertson and the Past Masters Certificate by Past Master Artie Clark. Presentation of the Past Masters apron was made by Senior Warden George Ruuth. The class gift was presented by Richard Adams, Jr. Ushers of the evening were Richard Adams, Edward Kusner, Lawrence McHugh, Dwight L. Porter, Robert Ross, Frank Souza and Carl Walling, all of the Class of 1966. Following the ceremonies all adjourned to the banquet hall.



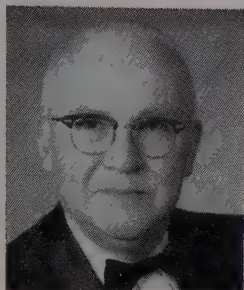
In the third year of the reign of Henry the Sixth of England, in 1425, the Masons were forbidden "to confederate in chapters or confederations."



OF WHAT IS THE SOLOMONIC TEMPLE A SYMBOL?

To the Master Mason, The Temple of Solomon is truly the symbol of human life, for, like life, it was to have its end. Masonic Teachings are not intended to convey an historical fact concerning the erection of a building, but ever to keep in sight, the beauty of that Temple as a symbol of the life in which he should live as a man and Mason.





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L. Price Boyles

When the members of Oakland Lodge assembled for their first meeting of 1967 sad news awaited them. Past Master Sidney Frank Sea, fiftieth Master of Oakland Lodge and one of its most indefatigable workers, and William "Big Bill" Mahood had both crossed that Great Divide to the Lodge on High during the last week of 1966. Brother Sid, who was 76 years of age, was raised in Oakland Lodge April 4, 1918, Oakland Lodge's fiftieth anniversary year, and served as Master for the year 1925 being the fiftieth brother to occupy the station in the East. He was a native of San Diego but had lived in Oakland for the past fifty years. Brother Sid was active in both Masonic and business circles. In addition to membership in Oakland Lodge No. 188, F. and A.M., he was also a member of the Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies, Aahmes Temple of the Shrine, Oakland Chapter No. 140, Order of Eastern Star, Rockridge Court No. 47, Order of Amaranth and Chairman of the Oakland Masonic Temple Association. He played a highly important part in construction of the Temple. He founded his own insurance company 40 years ago and was an active member of the Oakland Association of Insurance Agents, the California Association of Insurance Agents and the Insurance Square Club. He was chairman of Draft Board No. 49 of Oakland, West Berkeley Lions Club and B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 171 of Oakland. Masonic rites were held in the new Masonic Temple Saturday afternoon with Most Worshipful Grand Master Laurence Dayton officiating, assisted by officers of the Lodge. A testimonial dinner was planned to honor our late Brother for his services in making the new home of the Lodge possible but his untimely death caused

it to be postponed and changed to a memorial to him on January 25. All receipts from this affair were used to purchase furnishings as a tribute to Brothed Sid's memory.

The other death was that of Brother William "Big Bill" Mahood, a retired member of the Oakland Police Department who had been a member of Oakland Lodge No. 188 since March 19, 1927. Death came from a heart seizure December 26, 1966, at the age of 68 years. He had been a member of the Police Department for 27 years and had retired in 1951. "Big Bill" was affectionately known to hundreds of school youngsters of the Rockridge Elementary School during the several years he had manned the crossing at the intersection of College Avenue and Broadway. Many residents of the district often drove by the intersection to observe "Big Bill" shepherding his flock of youngsters across the heavily traveled intersection. The admiring kiddies clung to his hands, his coat and even his gun holster and all regarded him as their personal friend. Brother Mahood was a life long physical education enthusiast and an ardent swimmer having twice swum around Alcatraz Island, and as a member of the Dolphin Club for many years took part in the annual swim of the Golden Gate. He was an ardent hiker and bicyclist. In addition to his membership in Oakland Lodge he was also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Aahmes Temple of the Shrine where he sang tenor in the Aahmes Chanters, and Live Oak Glee Club. He was also a member of and Past Patron of Plymouth Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, College Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Oakland Police Department's Societe de Camaraderie. Masonic rites were conducted by officers and members of Oakland Lodge, December 28, 1966.

The first stated meeting of Oakland Lodge No. 188 in 1967 was featured by the presence of Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California Edward Siems who presented two of the Lodge's members with their fifty year gold buttons. These brothers were Axel E. Lindsten who was raised in the old Temple December 9, 1916, and Franklin R. Lloyd, raised October 28, 1916. Another feature of the meeting was the eulogy for our late departed brother Sidney F. Sea, delivered by Past Master Victor Arnold.

The year 1967 saw the population of Alameda county reaching 1,068,500. This was an increase of 20,500 over the population of 1966.

The Metropolitan Oakland area showed an increase of 1,500 to a total of 696,500. This was a figure little dreamed of for this time by our founding fathers. California Masonic membership for 1967 was reported at 241,834 Master Masons.

In Oakland Lodge the prospects for 1967 opened brightly for a fine year ahead for the new officers. It was fitting that at the January 11 meeting the first important duty was the induction of a candidate in the first degree. This was followed on January 18 by conferring of the second degree on a candidate.

On January 25 the brethren assembled at a special dinner meeting to honor the memory of our late Past Master Sidney F. Sea. A memoriam to his memory was presented by Past Masters Lester H. Landre and Victor D. Arnold, to be spread on the minutes of the Lodge as a lasting tribute of our affection.

At the same meeting Worshipful Master L. Price Boyles announced that he had appointed Past Master Jay T. Hill to serve out the unexpired term of Brother Sea as Lodge Treasurer.

On February 19 a large number of the brothers of Oakland Lodge assembled at the Grant Miller Mortuary on Telegraph Avenue to pay last respects to John R. Kelday who had been a member of Oakland Lodge since June 15, 1918, and for many years was extremely active in Lodge affairs. He was also a member of Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies and Past President of Loma Vista Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

A pot luck dinner on February 15 and a third degree conferred February 22 marked the activities for the remainder of the month.

The stated meeting of March 1 was featured by the presentation of a fifty year gold button to our Senior Past Master Russell Roy Cowles by Worshipful Ralph M. Webb, Inspector of the 358th Masonic District.

Alcatraz Lodge visited Oakland Lodge March 8 and a candidate was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. On Wednesday, March 15, Oakland Rainbow Assembly No. 11, exemplified their initiatory ritual in the presence of a large number of Lodge members, O.E.S., and past Rainbow Girls.

Several hundred Masons of Alameda and Contra Costa counties assembled in Scottish Rite Temple on Sunday, March 19, to honor Most Worshipful Laurence E. Dayton, California Grand Master, at the Annual

Spring Breakfast, staged by the East Bay Masters and Wardens Association. The colorful event was participated in by members and their families from the 64 Masonic Lodges of the two counties. The Grand Master, a member of Live Oak Lodge No. 61, is a one time newspaperman and was for 26 years in the Alameda county district attorney's office as a deputy and later as assistant district attorney. He was also chief assistant U.S. attorney for Northern California and later U.S. Attorney. In 1956 he was awarded the Jaycees Good Government Award.

Durant Lodge paid its annual visit to Oakland Lodge on March 22. E. Conrad Connella, of Sequoia Lodge, gave an address on Easter. Refreshments followed the meeting. The meeting of March 29 featured a practice third degree.

At the stated meeting of April 5 Assistant Grand Lecturer William F. Poynter was present and presented our Past Master Willard H. Nutting with his inspectors certificate. Brother Poynter also gave a talk on Public Schools in the banquet room.

The Lodge was dark on April 12 as the members, accompanied by wives and friends, made the journey to Yosemite Valley to visit Pohono Lodge on April 15. At that time Brother Edward L. Johnson was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The next day the Oakland members toured the Yosemite Valley.

Mission Lodge paid its visit to Oakland Lodge April 19 and the guests were entertained with dinner following which Brother Frank Kester gave an illustrated lecture on the Mother Lode. The Lodge was dark on April 22 because of annual Public Schools Week.

At the stated meeting of May 3, the request of Massaqua Lodge of New York, Past Master Willard Nutting, now Grand Lodge Inspector, presented visiting Brother Harry W. Davis with a life certificate and a 50 year gold membership button. At the same meeting Organist Walter Hadlock played a theme song, "Oakland Lodge No. 188" that he had written. It was unanimously adopted by the members to be sung at each banquet room meeting. The song was sung by Soloist Carleton Marshall.

The annual crab dinner was held May 10 with approximately 300 present in the banquet hall. The members of Sequoia Lodge Players presented "Guys and Dolls" which was enthusiastically received.

San Leandro Chapter, Order of De Molay, took over the Lodge room on May 17 and conferred their second degree for the edification of the Lodge members. Refreshments followed. A first degree Lodge of Instruction was held May 24.

On May 31 the Lodge was called to pay respects to our members who had passed away. Chaplain Lester H. Landre P.M., standing at the altar, read the list of the brethren who had passed to the Lodge on High. This was followed by a song by Soloist Carleton Marshall with Organist Walter Hadlock playing the accompaniment. Eight Brothers had crossed the great divide during the year.

At the stated meeting of June 7 a handsome gavel was presented the three stations of the Lodge by Past Master Andrew Graham.

The meeting of June 14 which was also Flag Day, was a colorful one devoted to honoring the Stars and Stripes. The ceremony was conducted by Aahmes Shrine Temple Legion of Honor with the uniformed color guard escorting the flag to its place of honor in the Lodge. Present to take part was Brother George Courregas, Potentate of Aahmes Shrine, and Worshipful Master Kurt Jueckel and members of Fremont Lodge. In the banquet hall following the meeting Dr. Fitzwater, of St. John's Lodge, gave a highly enlightening illustrated talk on the American flags of the U.S.

A lodge of Masonic Research was held June 28 at which time Past Master Milton Hendrickson gave a talk on the formation of Freemasonry and highlights of Oakland Lodge. Worshipful Master L. Price Boyles spoke on Mormons and Masonry.

At the stated meeting of July 5 Grand Lodge Inspector Ralph Webb presented Brothers George W. Kahler and Archie Decker with 50 year buttons from the Grand Lodge.

At the stated meeting of August 2, it was announced that Brother James C. Clark would be unable to continue as Junior Warden. Under special dispensation from the Grand Lodge, Brother William C. Herbert, Senior Deacon, was advanced to the position.

The annual visit of Oakland Lodge to Mission Lodge in San Francisco took place on August 30 at which time a fine dinner was enjoyed and Ronald Reuther, director of the San Francisco zoo, gave an interesting talk.

At the stated meeting of September 6, with Past Master Jay T. Hill acting as Master of Ceremonies, assisted by Past Master Neal Harmon, installed Brother Joseph Weldon as Senior Deacon and Brother Keith Abshire as Junior Deacon. During the meeting Past Master Victor Arnold spoke on the expressed hope of having our Past Masters portraits installed in the Temple. In the banquet hall World Series baseball pictures were shown.

September 14 was noted as a sociable evening with members of Oakland Lodge gathering with those of Fortitude Lodge 624, Alcatraz 244, and Bay View 401 participating. A talk was given by Worshipful Master Leonard R. Bern who introduced Brother Nicholas Petris who spoke on Constitutional Observances.

Oakland Lodge's annual visit to Durant Lodge took place September 20 during which time a Durant candidate was raised.

The degree of Entered Apprentice was conferred on a candidate September 27. On October 18 the Fellow Craft degree was conferred on a candidate of Roseville Lodge, of Roseville Sacramento. Refreshments followed.

Captain Ted Brown of the Oakland Police Department was the speaker on November 1, his subject being Narcotics. Dr. Henry C. Petray was to have received his 50 year button but was too ill to be present.

Chateau Thierry Lodge members led by Worshipful Master H. Max Younker paid their annual visit at the November 15 meeting and one of their members received his first degree. It was the forty-fourth visit of Chateau Thierry and in the banquet hall Past Master Irving Hazeltine gave a fine talk on our Past Master Bob Ford who was instrumental in the organization of Chateau Thierry Lodge.

Bethel No. 73, Jobs Daughters, was given the Lodge room November 22 to exemplify their degree work which they did in a highly satisfactory manner.

Election of officers for 1968, the Centennial Year, took place on Wednesday, December 6. Following the usual nominating speeches and horse play, George Weston Ruuth was elected Worshipful Master. William C. Herbert was chosen Senior Warden and Joseph Weldon Junion Warden. Jay T. Hill was elected Treasurer and Melvin L. Graves Secretary. Lester R. Nourse

was appointed Chaplain; Theodore R. Fairclough, Marshal; Keith M. Abshire, Senior Deacon; Lowell R. Simmons, Junior Deacon; Earl J. Walker, Senior Steward; Robert D. Barbee, Junior Steward; Walter Hadlock, Organist; and Albert E. Rogers, Tiler.

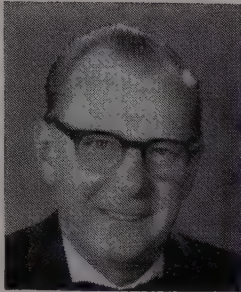
Open installation of officers was held Saturday, December 9, with L. Price Boyles acting as Installing Officer, Victor D. Arnold, Master of Ceremonies and Milton Hendrickson as Chaplain. Soloists for the evening were Richard Nutting, baritone, and Carleton Marshall, bass. The usherettes were Carol Abshire and Marsha Simmons. The Past Masters ring was presented by Past Master John C. Taylor; the Past Masters picture by Past Master Burton Griswold; the Past Masters certificate by Past Master Artie W. Clark, and the Past Masters apron by William Herbert, Senior Warden. The response was given by Retiring Master L. Price Boyles and the Proclamation by Past Master Victor Arnold. The program was closed by remarks by the newly installed Master George Ruuth after which the members and guests retired to the banquet hall.



The duty of aiding and assisting all worthy Masons, their widows and orphans wheresoever dispersed over the face of the globe is one of the most important obligations imposed upon every brother.



At our Centennial Dinner, March 16, 1968, Worshipful George W. Ruuth presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Eugene S. Hopp, one of Oakland Lodge's Centennial Coins and an Aluminum Gavel. The Gavel was designed by George Ruuth and made by one of the brethren. It was used by Worshipful George Ruuth in Grand Lodge, Oct. 18, 1968, to raise the Lodge during Opening Ceremonies.



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George W. Ruuth

The Centennial Year when it started found itself in the same disturbed national atmosphere as the Lodge was in at its Fiftieth and Seventy-fifth anniversaries, in the throes of war and upset world conditions. The Viet Nam conflict had already called into service thousands of the flower of our young manhood, many of whom were destined never to return. As the year 1968 opened there was optimism that it might see the end of the struggle in the Asian jungles and rice paddies, but the picture was a gloomy one. Despite the fact that membership in Oakland Lodge had dropped to 670 brothers, active plans were being made by Worshipful Master George Ruuth and his staff of officers to start the Lodge on an upward trend again.

Possibility of upward growth looked bright as last year the population of Alameda County had climbed to 1,065,600 residents, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's estimates. The Metropolitan area had increased to a total of 696,500, according to the report. It was further estimated that the county population by 1970 would reach a total of 1,134,100, all of which augers well for an increased membership in the Lodge during the coming year and in the near future.

The ending of the century of Oakland Lodge's history has witnessed many changes and improvements in the city's life. Likewise the past and present years have seen this city practically leap ahead in athletics with the completion last year of the Coliseum complex. Since its inauguration last spring it has seen Oakland send out a national champion soccer team, a championship football team, the Oakland Raiders, who copped the American League flag, and now the Oakland Athletics, formerly the Kansas

City A's, who are showing great promise of winning the western crown in baseball. It has also resulted in an ice hockey team that is known as a fighting group. Outstanding in the accomplishments of the Coliseum complex is the big track meets that have been held and which have attracted the track and field stars from all over the nation. The heavyweight boxing matches being held in the complex are rapidly putting Oakland back in the place it once held as a leader in this form of athletics. So the future looks bright for the Oakland Raiders, the Oakland Clippers, National champions, the Oakland Warriors, Oakland Seals, Oakland Oaks and the Oakland Athletics.

The complex is being well booked ahead for the entire year with the various athletic events of professional baseball, football, basketball, track meets, both local and national, Grand National Roadster Show, California Spring Garden Show, California Hobby Show, Ice Follies, National Boat Show, Ice Hockey and basketball tournaments, civic concerts, circuses as well as numerous social and cultural events. The Coliseum was a wise investment by Oakland voters.

True, Oakland like other large cities of the nation, is being plagued by racial disorders, school and anti-draft disturbances. But these are being met and handled by officials and group organizations. Slum clearance is a big program. New homes are scheduled as well as motels and hotels to handle the throngs expected to come to the city in this and the next few years. One plan calls for a new hotel to cost approximately \$2 million dollars. Many fine highrise apartment buildings have replaced many single dwelling units.

During the year just closed Alameda county gained 64 new industries and 114 more have expanded their operations, with the creation of approximately 3,000 new jobs and with an expanding payroll of \$13,915,000, according to the Chamber of Commerce. Nor must we forget the new municipal museum which promises to be one of the finest in the nation. The county also reports four new junior colleges about ready to open. Largest of these will be the expansion of the Laney College campus on a 75-acre tract near Lake Merritt. The Port of Oakland reports a net income of \$1,147,455 for the second half of 1967, higher than any comparable period. Development is in full swing for harbor improvements to care for

container services for the Matson Navigation Company and Japanese interests. It is estimated that between 25 and 30 million dollars in wages and benefits will accrue to Oakland from this phase of service. Even without new hotels its convention and tourist business showed a 15 per cent gain in 1967 with an income of better than 2 million dollars. In 1968 this is expected to be greatly increased. The Oakland airport, a multi-million dollar facility, handled 1,197,000 passengers in the first 10 months of 1967. It is expected that by 1970 Oakland airport will be handling not less than four million passengers.

The fact that 1968 is Oakland Lodge's Centennial year, with its accompanying programs and visits by the Grand Lodge officers and other Masonic dignitaries' promises to be an added incentive to increased membership in Oakland Lodge 188.

The year started off auspiciously with the stated meeting of January 3. This was preceded by a dinner with a goodly attendance, particularly of Past Masters who held the trial of retiring Master L. Price Boyles as to whether he should be admitted to the august body of Oakland's Past Masters. Past Master Jay T. Hill presented the case and outlined the alleged short comings of the retiring Master Brother Boyles. The victim was ordered to silence in the dining hall during the coming year.

A Second Degree of instruction was held at the meeting of January 10 and on January 17 a pot luck dinner was featured. This was followed on January 24 with the presentation of the De Molay Degree supervised by Brother Jerry Morrison, Master Councillor of San Pablo Chapter De Molay. The group of young men has been under guidance of our own Brother Ray Johnson and the work was performed in a highly satisfactory manner.

The first conference of a degree in our new temple was held on the last Wednesday of the month, January 31, when a second degree was conferred on a passed candidate of Oakland Lodge. The Centennial year appears to be getting off to a good start even though there is an appearance of new war clouds caused by the North Koreans seizing and intern-ing the intelligence auxiliary ship the U.S.S. Pueblo with its crew of 83 men.

At the stated meeting of February 7, a dinner was served preceding the regular gatherings in the lodge room with one of the largest assem-

blages for some time, giving evidence that such gatherings will bring the members out in numbers. At the stated meeting a fifty year Veterans button was presented Brother Chauncey F. Cooper who joined Oakland Lodge in 1918. The presentation was made on behalf of the Grand Lodge of California by Ralph M. Webb, P.M., Inspector 158th Masonic District.

The lodge room was dark on Wednesday, February 14, and instead of the regular meeting the members of Oakland Lodge and Live Oak Lodge joined in a joint session on Friday, February 16. This was an historic event for, although Oakland Lodge had received its endorsement of formation from Live Oak Lodge in February, 1868, it was the first time in the hundred years that the two lodges had held such a joint meeting. It was such a success that Worshipful Masters James Burris of Live Oak Lodge and George Ruuth of Oakland Lodge both declared that there should be more of such gatherings in the future. In the Lodge room meeting the officers of the two lodges in both sections jointly occupied the chairs and passed to the Fellowcraft Degree a member of Live Oak Lodge. In the banquet room Brother Earl Martensen, Tiler of Live Oak Lodge and Brother Frank Kester of Oakland Lodge, gave talks on the long histories of their respective lodges.

The annual crab feed was held Wednesday, February 21, and as usual was one of the well attended gatherings of Oakland Lodge members with their wives and friends. A magical program provided the entertainment.

"Snapshot Europe" was featured at the meeting of February 28. John Thune, Executive Secretary of the Oakland Y.M.C.A., showed colored movies that he had taken while conducting a group of the YMCA members through several countries in Europe.

The stated meeting of March 6 was featured by the presentation of a fifty year gold button from the Grand Lodge to Brother Allen E. Ferguson who had been a member of Oakland Lodge since February 9, 1918. Past Master Elmer Elsen presented the pin on behalf of the Grand Lodge. The regular stated meeting was preceded by a dinner served by the young ladies of Bethel No. 73.

The Centennial Year dinner marking the one hundreth anniversary date that Oakland Lodge received its dispensation from Worshipful

Grand Master William Davies, March 15, 1868, was held in the banquet hall, Saturday evening, March 16, with Most Worshipful Grand Master Eugene S. Hopp as guest of honor and speaker of the evening.

Grand Lodge officers accompanying the Grand Lodge Master were Chester R. MacPhee, Senior Warden; Edward S. Siems, P.G.M., Grand Lodge Secretary Very Reverend Max L. Christensen, Chaplain; Bertram A. von Kinsky, Assistant Grand Lecturer; Verne W. Hendrix, Assistant Secretary; Gilbert A. Benoit, Marshal; Burton O. Young, Tiler; Lawrence E. Dayton, P.G.M.; Ralph Webb, Inspector 158th Masonic District; E. Lloyd Hanson, Inspector 140th Masonic District and Willard H. Nutting, Jr., Inspector 152nd Masonic District. All were accompanied by their wives.

Worshipful Master George Ruuth presided and the ceremonies opened with presentation of the Flag, escorted to its place of honor by Leni Paul, Honored Queen, Bethel No. 73, International Order of Jobs Daughters, Betty Burke Worthy Advisor, Oakland Assembly No. 11, Rainbow for Girls and Bud Shaver, Master Councilor, San Pablo Chapter, Order of De Molay. Following the placing of the colors the Pledge of Allegiance was given by the audience which filled the Banquet Hall. This was followed by the Invocation given by the Grand Chaplin Max Christensen, Pastor of St. James Episcopal Church of San Francisco.

Past Master Jay Hill was Master of Ceremonies and introduced the "Linebackers," instrumental and vocal trio that presented a highly interesting program of musical numbers.

In his interesting talk Most Worshipful Grand Master Hopp announced the plans for formation of the California Masonic Foundation and development of plans for creation of centers where post graduates of the the colleges who were associated with the various university Masonic Clubs might continue gatherings. He also stated that he was also announcing the request that all Masonic lodges in California set aside a week to be known as Youth Orders Week, to honor the various youth groups sponsored by the Masonic fraternity. The Grand Master also enumerated the many things that Oakland Lodge had accomplished in its hundred years of existence and declared that its organization was the natural result of the growth of the city of Oakland after the first decade following the Civil War.

At the conclusion of his talk the Grand Master was presented with a gold Centennial honor coin and a handsome gavel.

On Wednesday, March 27, the brothers were entertained in the banquet hall by movies supervised by Brother John Carter of our entertainment committee. These highly interesting color pictures showed bird and animal wild life in the Florida everglades and mountain climbing in the South American Andes mountains.

The stated meeting of April 3 was featured by the official visit of Worshipful Ralph Webb, Inspector, 158th Masonic District, at which time he was received with full honors. Five members were also suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The annual visit to Mission Lodge in San Francisco was made Wednesday, April 17, where after a most enjoyable dinner with our San Francisco Brothers, the Oakland officers proceeded to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on a Mission Lodge candidate. Public Schools Week was observed from August 24 when the Lodge was dark. Instead a visit was made, with other lodges of the 158th Masonic District, to Dewey High School, where the visiting brethren were received by Dr. Laurence Kelly, who heads this school for hard-to-teach youngsters. The Brothers were all impressed by the progress that is being made with these slower students.

The stated meeting of May 1 was featured by presentation of three veterans buttons, two for 50 year memberships and one for 25 years. Presentation of the gold buttons was made by Ralph Webb, Grand Lodge Inspector of the 158th Masonic District to Brothers Frederick B. Marr and Roy A. Christianson who were raised in Oakland Lodge No. 188, in 1918. The 25 year button was presented by Brother Dillard S. Clark who was raised in 1943. Following the meeting an appetizing dinner was served in the banquet hall by the girls of Bethel No. 73 of Orinda.

The annual Family Night dinner, featuring spaghetti and other Italian items was held May 15 at which time Past Master Bill Geha and his charming wife, Bonnie, assisted by friends, presented the program of the evening.

The eighty-fifth annual visit to Durant Lodge in Berkeley took place Wednesday evening, May 22, with a fine turn out of Oakland Lodge brothers being welcomed by Worshipful Master Richard T. Wilson of Durant Lodge. An Oakland candidate Everett LeRoy Messer was raised

to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the Oakland officers who had taken over the chairs of the host officers.

Our hard working Secretary Melvin Graves early in the month fell from a ladder and broke his heel. Past Master Victor Arnold was appointed by Worshipful Master George Ruuth to take over the secretary's duties until Brother Mel would be able to return to the job.

The Lodge was dark on May 29 as the Brothers journeyed to Sacramento to visit the brethren of Oak Plains Lodge 789. The Oakland members and their wives were housed for Saturday and Sunday at the Carl Greer Inn between Sacramento and Roseville. In the afternoon a candidate of Oak Plains Lodge was raised by the Oakland officers to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The members and their ladies gathered in the evening for a theatre party. On Sunday the members of the two lodges made a tour of the new California State Fair grounds.

At the stated meeting of June 1, Past Masters Jay Hill, L. Price Boyles and Past Master and Secretary Melvin Graves were appointed to represent Oakland Lodge at the meetings of the Masonic Temple Association. On Wednesday, June 12, a Lodge of Instruction was held for preparation of conferring a second degree. The lodge room was dark June 19.

A new departure in visitations to Oakland Lodge took place the night of Wednesday, June 26, when the officers and members of the York Rite Bodies, under the leadership of Brother Dr. Clarence E. Dunn of Oakland Lodge, were received by Worshipful Master George Ruuth, his officers and a fine showing of Oakland members. The visitors brought with them the two Knight Templar swords worn by the two Gaylords, father and son, Robert Gaylord, Sr., who was not only head of the York Rite Masons in California but also the National Encampment of the United States, and Robert B. Gaylord, Jr., who rose to head the California bodies. Both were past masters of Oakland Lodge and both were active in the lodge activities up to the times of their respective deaths. In presenting the swords to Oakland Lodge Brother Herman Carlson gave a talk on the two and their histories. This was followed by a talk on York Rite Masonry delivered by Brother Fred D. Barrows which proved very enlightening. Following the meeting all adjourned to the banquet hall where both the York Rite officers and the Past Masters of Oakland Lodge spoke and

expressed the hope that this was the start of a continued series of visits.

Following the stated meeting of July 3 the half way mark was reached in Oakland Lodge's Centennial Year. The record of the Secretary showed that the year had started with a membership of 658 but the Grim Reaper, in the first six months, had claimed 28 of the Brothers for transference to the Lodge On High. This left a total on June 30 of 630 members. Of this number 129 were listed as life members. Willard Nutting, Jr., Past Master, was appointed to replace our long time Secretary Melvin Graves as a member of the Temple Board. Brother Mel suffered a fractured foot and other injuries in a fall and was unable to serve further on the board. In the banquet hall following the meeting pictures taken on his recent trip to Yellowstone and the Grand Teton country were shown by Brother Joseph Stamps.

According to the State Finance Department the population of California during the coming year will pass the 20 million mark. Alameda county this year hit a total of 1,086,000 according to the report of County Planning Director William Fraley. According to his report the central metropolitan area consisting of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Emeryville and Piedmont totalled 603,000; of Eden 284,500; Washington, 131,500; Livermore-Amador, 67,100. The first month of the fiscal year saw approximately a ten per cent jump in the assessed property valuations, soaring to \$2,067,289,689 according to the county assessor's office. Valuations in the city of Oakland climbed to \$731,469,569. What with increased population and property valuations the future looks bright for this area.

Except for the July 3 stated meeting the Lodge remained dark during the month until Monday, August 5. However, Oakland Lodge joined with Alcatraz, Dimond, Foothill, Fruitvale and Woodstock lodges in a joint picnic held Sunday, August 4, in Crow Canyon Park in Castro Valley. There was a fine turnout of Masonic brothers, their families and friends and the day was filled with games of all kinds with free coffee, beans, ice cream and soda dispensed. A good time was had by all.

The Wednesday meeting, August 14, was devoted to a visit to Alcatraz Lodge in the Scottish Rite Temple. The Transportation Craftsmen Degree Team conferred a third degree on an Alcatraz candidate.

The Wednesday meeting of August 21 was made a testimonial dinner meeting to honor our long time Secretary Melvin L. Graves for his forty-seventh year in Masonry. As a memento of the occasion Brother Mel was presented a handsome color TV set. Dinner was served the large gathering by the girls of Orinda Bethel No. 73.

The month closed with a first degree lodge of instruction Wednesday, August 28, with Senior Deacon Keith Abshire presiding in the East.

Following the stated meeting of September 4 the Lodge was dark on the following Wednesday. From September 16th to the 20th Constitution Week was observed by the various Bay Area Masonic Lodges with a visit to the Grand Lodge on September 17th. On the 19th the district officers of the 158th Masonic District held a special Constitution Week meeting with Nicholas Petris and Don Mulford as the two speakers.

In our own lodge Jobs Daughters No. 73 of Orinda displayed their ritual work under direction of Honored Queen Carol Ann Smith. The work was well done and was highly appreciated by the brothers of the lodge. Refreshments followed the meeting.

Durant Lodge of Berkeley paid its annual visit on Wednesday, September 25, and raised one of their candidates to the sublime degree.

Except for the stated meeting of October 2, the first half of the month saw the lodge dark because of the Grand Lodge Convocation in San Francisco. This interfered with any formal celebration of Oakland Lodge on the one hundredth anniversary of receiving its charter October 15, 1868. This was met by adjusting the Past Masters Roll Call dinner to the occasion.

The month of October, ending the Centennial Year, was closed with a visit from Mission Lodge of San Francisco on October 23 and the annual Coaches Night on October 3.

October marked the end of the first hundred years of the life of Oakland Lodge No. 188, Free and Accepted Masons, a hundred years that had witnessed many changes from the squatter village of 1852 with its few scattered sites to the present magnificent city that has every promise of becoming one of the dominant cities of the nation. From shacks to high rise apartments and sky scrapers, the center of a metropolitan area

of more than a million inhabitants, the city has grown in both size and importance. From the original four Masonic Lodges when Oakland Lodge came into being the fraternity has grown until now in the Metropolitan area there are 46 kindred lodges, many of them endorsed and started by sanction of Oakland Lodge. Also during the century 2,810 brothers have signed our membership book. It can be expected that as time rolls on toward the next century Oakland Lodge will grow to greater proportions and will open new horizons under the brothers yet to take charge. May they be as successful in the next hundred years as our founding fathers and brethren have been in the first century of our existence. To those who are to come, we of today pass on the torch. May its light grow ever stronger.



The All Seeing Eye is an important symbol borrowed by Freemasons from the nations of antiquity. Among the Egyptians Osiris, their chief diety, was symbolized by the open eye.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1968



Front row: ALBERT ROGERS, *Tiler*; JAY T. HILL, P.M., *Treasurer*; WILLIAM HERBERT, *Senior Warden*; GEORGE RUUTH, *Master*; JOSEPH WELDON, *Junior Warden*; MEL GRAVES, P.M., *Secretary*; LESTER NOURSE *Chaplain*. Second row: WALTER HADLOCK, *Organist*; CARLETON MARSHAL, P.M., *Soloist*; VICTOR D. ARNOLD, P.M., *Acting Secretary*; KEITH M. ABSHIRE, *Senior Deacon*; LOWELL R. SIMMONS, *Junior Deacon*; EARL WALKER, *Senior Steward*; NEIL HARMON, P.M. Back row: ANDREW GRAHAM, P.M., *Book Committee*; PRICE BOYLES, P.M., *Visting Committee*; FRANK KESTER, *Book Author*; EDWARD BIGLEY, *Homes Endowment*; GEORGE ATKINSON, *Coaching Chairman*; CHARLES STUART, *Visting Committee*; WILLIAM GEHA, P.M., *Grand Lodge Homes Endowment Representative*.



GUEST OF HONOR

MELVIN LORENZO GRAVES, P.M., and long time Secretary of Oakland Lodge No. 188, was honored on his Masonic Birthday, August 21, with a special dinner and program. Brother Mel joined the lodge August 13, 1921. He had been Secretary of the Lodge for 22 years. Was Master in 1936.

BIOGRAPHICAL

NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING

Nathan Weston Spaulding, first Worshipful Master of Oakland Lodge No. 188, F. & A.M., was the eldest in a family of eight boys and was born in North Anson, Maine, September 24, 1829. At the age of 13 he was learning the carpenters trade under his father and then, under his uncle,



NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING
First Master of Oakland Lodge No. 188, F. & A.M.

he trained as a millwright and bridge builder. He worked at these three trades until 1851.

When he was barely 21, Nathan Spaulding organized a party of thirteen of his friends and headed for the California gold fields, arriving in San Francisco September 13, 1851. After outfitting themselves they headed for Calaveras county where their first mining adventures were not successful. The party then moved over to Mokelumne Hill where it broke up.

Life was lively in old Mok Hill and work was plentiful so young Spaulding turned to his trade of construction. His first job was to build a water powered, ten stamp mill on the Mokelumne River at Big Bar. This was one of the very first and the largest ore crusher to be built in California up to that time. It worked so successfully that he was commissioned to build a second and larger mill.

Following the completion of the second mill, Spaulding with a partner named Thompson, turned to gold mining at Middle Bar on the Mokelumne River. Soon after starting work on their claim the two broke out with what appeared to be a skin eruption. A young doctor had just arrived in the camp so the two went to him with their troubles. He assured them it was caused by eating too much salty meat. He gave them some physic and ointment. The remedies, though, failed to do any good. An Indian Medicine Man who Spaulding and his partner had befriended, came by one day and saw them scratching. He began to laugh.

"You gottum devil bites," he finally explained. "You callum lice." Then he showed them that an application of plain coal oil would get rid of the pests. They tried the Indian's remedy and it worked.

The two returned to the white doctor and showed how they had been cleared of their trouble.

"Ah, yes," he announced pontifically, "I knew that treatment would work. That will be an ounce of gold each." Solemnly they paid over the gold dust. Then they broke the news that it was not his treatment at all that had done the trick but that of an Indian medicine man. The doctor was flabbergasted.

"Please boys, don't let this get out or I'm ruined as a doctor in the gold fields. Here take back your gold," he pleaded.

Spaulding was a man of vision. He conceived the idea that during the centuries that the Mokelumne River had been depositing gold bearing sands along its course surely large amounts of the golden treasure must have been deposited in the riffle like bottom of the stream. He reasoned that if the stream could be diverted the rocky bottom would be made to yield up its treasure. A company was formed among the miners of Middle Bar and work started digging a by-pass for the stream.

Bayard Taylor, who had been sent to California by a New York newspaper to make a report on the Gold Rush, tells of seeing the men working about twenty yards of the river bottom which they had laid bare by a diversion flume and giant ditch. He reported the miners were averaging about seven ounces of gold a day for each man of the company. Gold at the time was valued at \$16 an ounce.

Following the success of the first venture by Spaulding and his friends other groups were formed, one by a band of thirty men. However, they could not agree according to Taylor. A squabble broke out and a new group bought the works and proceeded to clean up. Spaulding and his partners were doing quite well when a sudden rise in the river swept away their flume and returned the river to its old bed. Thereupon Spaulding moved higher up the Mokelumne and erected a saw mill. But this venture failed as it was found too expensive to get the finished lumber to the mining camps.

In 1853 Spaulding moved down stream again to Campo Seco where he started the first hotel in that booming mining camp. His hotel business thrived until fire, that scourge of the mining camps, wiped out most of the town. Today much of Campo Seco, except for its big cooper mine, is practically a ghost town or under water behind the new Oakland water supply dam. In the nearby field are the ruins of a stone building that had once been the post office and the Wells Fargo office. There are also the ruins of the Masonic hall and an operating country store.

The next couple of years Spaulding spent in Amador county where he managed another hotel. Quitting that he went to Volcano and engaged in mining where again he met with fair success. In 1855 Nathan Spaulding joined the Masonic fraternity taking his Entered Apprentice and Fellow



MASONIC TEMPLE, VOLCANO, CALIFORNIA
Where Nathan W. Spaulding entered Masonry.

Craft degrees in Volcano Lodge. Later he was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Occidental Lodge in San Francisco. He demitted from that lodge to become a charter member and first Senior Warden of Mission Lodge in 1863. The following year he became that lodge's second Master.

After leaving Volcano Spaulding made a tour of the mining country visiting many saw mills and making repairs on them. It was on that trip that an idea came to him that was to change his entire life. When in Boston he had learned to make saws and insert teeth in the saw blades. Seeing the need for such work in California and foreseeing the growth of the timber industry, he moved to Sacramento and opened up a business as a saw manufacturer of saws with inserted teeth. Up to that time such saws had not proven entirely satisfactory in the state so he turned his attention to making improvements. He was so successful that he was able to obtain patents to his method. This, however, was followed by numerous infringements and he had to take his claims to court. After considerable litigation his patent rights were fully recognized. His business then grew to such an extent that in 1862 he moved to San Francisco where he organized the Pacific Saw Manufacturing Company. Later he organized a branch in Chicago and then became a member of the firm of Sheffield, Spaulding & Patterson in the manufacture of saws and machinery.

After obtaining his Master Mason degree he demitted and became very active in Mission Lodge affairs. Early in 1868 he moved to Oakland. Here he was the prime mover in founding Oakland Lodge No. 188, and becoming its first Worshipful Master. He was called on to fill the station in the East seven times.

He also entered actively into the affairs of the young city of Oakland. He served on the City Council for ten years and was chairman of the committee on streets and was largely responsible for the development of the downtown street system. Twice he was unanimously elected Mayor of Oakland but declined a third term. During the time he was Mayor he donated his entire salary to charity.

President James Garfield appointed Spaulding Assistant United States Treasurer in San Francisco. In the four years he held the position he disbursed more than \$320,000,000 in Government funds without the loss of a single penny. He also served as trustee of Stanford University.

Further Masonic honors were to come to Nathan Spaulding. He served as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of California from 1885 to 1892, inclusive. He was a charter member and with Edwin A. Sherman, also of Oakland Lodge No. 188, assisted in the formation of Oakland Consistory No. 2, Scottish Rite. Sherman was its first Preceptor, 33rd Degree. He was also Honorary Inspector General, 33rd Degree.

Nathan Spaulding's death occurred October 4, 1903, when he was 73 years of age. He was mourned at Masonic rites by the entire city of Oakland. His good deeds have lived after him and all revere his memory as Man and Mason.



PARIAN MARBLE: Mentioned in our traditions as the stone from which the columns of King Solomon's Temple were hewn. It was so named because it was quarried on the Greek Island of Paros in the Aegean Sea. It was used for the most imposing statues and exquisite temples during the Golden Age of Athens in the 5th Century B. C. The famous Parthenon was entirely of Parian Marble.

GEORGE COOPER PARDEE

Members of Oakland Lodge No. 188 were called on to assemble in Scottish Rite Temple, September 3, 1941, to perform the last rites for Brother George Cooper Pardee, for more than half a century one of Oakland Lodge's staunchest members. He was Past Master, former Mayor of



GEORGE COOPER PARDEE

One of Oakland Lodge's Most Active Past Masters.

Oakland, former Governor of California and one of the leading citizens of the city and state.

Dr. Pardee passed to his reward in that land from which no traveler returns on September 1, 1941, in the family home, 672 Eleventh Street, where he had lived ever since coming to Oakland in 1868 from San Francisco where he was born July 25, 1857. His father was Dr. Enoch Pardee, third Master of Oakland Lodge and one of the Lodge's founding fathers. He had come to California from Michigan. From his father Brother George Pardee inherited much of his fiery disposition that was to cause him always to fight for the under dog or for causes in which he believed. In fact Brother Enoch Pardee, his father, during the times the Dennis Kearny forces almost dominated the labor life of San Francisco and demanded the deportation of all Chinese, opposed the labor leader and at one meeting was set upon by hooligans who bombarded him with rocks and tomatoes.

When the I.W.W. Army, a group of dissidents, marched on the state capitol when George Pardee was governor, and pulled what was probably the first sit down strike in California, Brother George lost no time in taking over. Arming two score men with pick handles, he boldly advanced on the invading army, herded them into box cars and shipped them out of the city. In 1906 when the San Andreas fault shook itself to give the state one of its worst earthquakes, Governor Pardee, in order to be closer to the scene of disaster and action, moved his office into the ruins of San Francisco and from there gave close attention to the relief and restoration operations, working long hours in bringing about law and order to the stricken city. His measures for public relief and safety won him national fame.

If George Pardee could be a determined individual, he could also be a pleasant one, as reported by the late Brother Oscar Hager. "In 1908 I was working as an engineer in the gas works at First and Jefferson Streets," said Brother Oscar, "in the afternoon I would go home, clean up and then walk over to Eleventh Street for my supper. One afternoon as I walked along admiring the fine old mansion at Eleventh and Castro Streets, I noticed a nice looking elderly gentleman sitting on the marble steps. 'Well young man, where are you going?' he asked. 'Why such a hurry?' I an-

swered I was going to supper. 'Well you've got lots of time. Sit down and talk a little bit with me.'

"I sat down and we talked, or rather he did. He asked who I was, what I did and if I knew John A. Britton, also a Past Master of Oakland Lodge. I told him I was too low on the scale to meet the manager of the gas company. 'Well, he's a fine man,' he said. Soon a young lady came to the door and called him to supper. I did not know who he was but he was most pleasant to talk to. The next evening he was there again and again we had a long talk. One day I asked the mail man who the nice old gentleman was and he informed me he was Dr. Pardee, ex-Governor and ex-Mayor and a very fine gentleman. In 1918 I received my degrees in Oakland Lodge and as we went into the banquet room I found myself seated almost beneath a picture of the gentleman who had been so pleasant to me. About twenty years later I was delegated to bring him to the lodge so he might receive his fifty year button."

Young Pardee graduated from Oakland High School and in 1879 received his Bachelors degree from the University of California. After doing graduate work there he then went to Leipzig, Germany, receiving his medical degree there in 1885. Returning to Oakland he married Helen Penniman, his high school sweetheart, January 25, 1887. She died at the age of 89, March 10, 1947.

In 1889 Dr. Pardee became a member of the Oakland Board of Health. Then, from 1891 to 1893, he was on the city council. From 1893 until 1895 he was Mayor of Oakland and from 1899 until 1903 he served as a Regent of the University of California. In the latter year he was elected Governor of California. In his earlier years of public life he also served as Captain of Company A, Fifth Infantry, California National Guard.

Honors continued to come to him, for from 1907 until 1909 he was a member of the National Conservation Commission of California. Then followed eight years as chairman of the State Forestry Commission. In 1924 he was chosen President of the East Bay Municipal Utility District board of directors. He also served as a member of the Oakland Port Commission from 1937 until shortly before his death. In 1930 he was elected chairman of the California Joint Federal-State Water Resources Commis-

sion. Under his presidency the East Bay Municipal Utility District completed the Mokelumne water project at a cost of \$39,000,000, and took over the East Bay Water Company holdings at a cost of \$34,500,000, to give Oakland and the East Bay an insured water supply.

In addition to being a member of Oakland Lodge No. 188, Dr. Pardee was also a Knights Templar, 33rd Degree Scottish Rite and a member of the Shrine.

Reminiscing on his eighty-third birthday in the Lodge banquet hall Brother Pardee stated; "When you get to be my age birthdays are a sort of a nuisance. They annoy you by reminding you of how many you have had. In the days when we came to Oakland the center of the town was south of Seventh Street. Every one said to us 'Why on earth do you want to live in such an isolated spot so far from town?'

"The longer I live the funnier this world seems to become. Today it seems a pretty hopeless sort of place and makes me think longingly of the quiet old horse and buggy days. We sauntered along then, but now there's too much speed and a spirit of unrest everywhere. Half a century ago we didn't have nearly the amount of crime we have today. Maybe the current situation in world affairs is of a recurrent cycle. We've had our periods of upheaval in the past. But the periods seem to be getting more and more frequent. What's going to happen in the world? Well I'm no prophet."

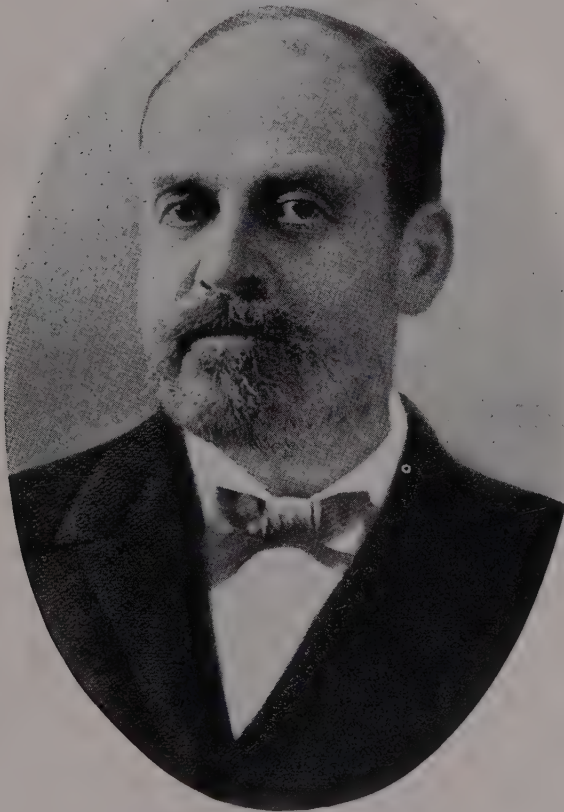
Members of the Masonic fraternity from all parts of California, public officials and friends in great numbers attended the last rites in Scottish Rite Temple under auspices of Oakland Lodge, September 3, 1941. The Rev. Clarence Reed of the First Unitarian Church, also participated in the service.



The olive tree is a symbol of peace and victory as well as being a symbol of immortality, much as is the acacia.

GEORGE CLEMENT PERKINS

George Clement Perkins, member of Oakland Lodge No. 188 from 1889, was one of those distinguished Masonic brethren who served Masonry and their country well and long. His record in the Masonic fraternity and in state and national politics was outstanding.



GEORGE CLEMENT PERKINS

Who served Masonry and his country well.

Brother Perkins was initiated in Oroville Lodge No. 105, in 1860. He became its Worshipful Master in 1869. That same year he was elected a California State Senator. In 1861 he became a Royal Arch Mason in Franklin

Chapter No. 20 of Oroville. After being elected Secretary of the Chapter he continued to fill all intermediate positions during his membership. In 1866 he was elevated to High Priest of the Chapter.

In 1879 George Perkins was elected Governor of California. The campaign was a hot one for he was pitted against William White of the Workingman's Party, which was headed by Dennis Kearny who had been battled by Brother Enoch Pardee and whose slogan was "The Chinese Must Go." His other opponent was the Democratic candidate Dr. Hugh Glenn, the largest grain grower and landholder in the state and one of California's wealthiest men. Glenn county was named for him. However, when the final votes were counted it was found that George C. Perkins had won by a plurality of more than 20,000 votes. Not only that, but the Republicans, mainly owing to the popularity of Brother Perkins, had carried nearly every state office.

However, partisanship was strong in the party and the legislature was opposed to Governor Perkins with the result that he was not able to carry out many of the most important promises that he had earnestly and sincerely made to the people. In consequence no important legislation was enacted and for a time the Governor lost control of the party. He regained it though before his term of office was over.

It is interesting to note at this time among the things which caused upheaval, was the fact that the administration had failed to reapportion the legislative districts of the state under the new Constitution. It was also charged by the Kearnyites that the Governor was luke warm on the Chinese question. Although having no control over the newly created State Railroad Commission, now the Public Utilities Commission, he was blamed for its failure to function. Consequently he was severely criticized by both farmers and merchants for making no efforts to control the big corporations. The result was that he failed to obtain renomination in the election of 1882.

Coming to Oakland in 1871 Brother Perkins demitted from Oroville Lodge and from Oroville Chapter R.A.M. and in 1885 Affiliated with Oakland Lodge as a life member.

Previous to coming to Oakland he had been elected Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of California, Senior Warden in 1872, Deputy Grand

Master in 1873 and Grand Master in 1874. In 1883 he was elected Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of the United States.

In 1897, which marked the start of the Spanish-American War, Brother Perkins was elected United States Senator from California, holding the office until 1917, which marked the entry of the United States into World War One. During that long period he served the state and nation well.

In 1917 he returned from Washington to Oakland. Then on February 6, 1923, he passed to his reward in the Lodge on High. Masonic rites were held in the Perkins home in East Oakland, February 8, 1923. These, conducted by the officers of Oakland Lodge, were attended by large numbers of Grand Lodge officers, members of the various Masonic organizations, and many friends and associates from all parts of California.



AT GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FUNERAL

Six officers of the Revolution served as pall-bearers. All were Masons and all, save one, members of Alexandria Lodge No. 22. They were: Col. Charles Sims; Col. Dinnis Ramsey; Col. William Payne; Col. George Gilpin; Col. Philip Marsteller and Col. Charles Little.



According to Josephus, the noted Jewish historian, "This Hiram made two hollow pillars whose outsides were of brass and of the thickness of four fingers breadth, and the height was 18 cubits (27 feet), and the circumference 12 cubits (18 feet). And there was cast with each of them chapiters lily work that stood upon a pillar and it was elevated five cubits ($7\frac{1}{2}$ feet), round about which was a network interwoven with small palms made of brass and covered the lily work. To this there hung 200 pomegranites in two rows. The one of these pillars he set at the right hand side of the porch and called it Jachin. The other at the left hand, he called it Boaz." It is supposed that Solomon in erecting these pillars had reference to the pillar of cloud and fire that went before the Israelites in the wilderness.



ROBERT BRAINERD GAYLORD

The second member of Oakland Lodge No. 188 to be elevated to the seat of Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California was Robert Brainerd Gaylord. Only one Past Master of Oakland Lodge reached as high in the upper brackets of Masonic honors and that was our first



ROBERT BRAINERD GAYLORD

Despite his high honors he never forgot his Mother Lodge, Oakland No. 188.

Worshipful Grand Master William Frank Pierce. But during the more than fifty years that Brother Gaylord was a member of Oakland Lodge none were more active in its affairs, even during the time he was Grand Master of California and Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templars of the United States. At no time did Robert Brainerd Gaylord lose touch with his Mother Lodge.

Brother Gaylord became an Entered Apprentice in Oakland Lodge March 18, 1899. In 1906 he became the thirty-first Worshipful Master of Oakland Lodge. It was during his term of office in the East that central California was struck by the disastrous earthquake of April 18, 1906. Damage extended from Hollister on the south to Santa Rosa and Point Arena northward. Several hundred lives were lost and hundreds of homes and other structures were smashed or burned. It is estimated that from 100,000 to 150,000 refugees fled from San Francisco to the East Bay. Brother Gaylord and his officers arose to the occasion and named committees of relief while the members of the lodge exemplified the principles of Masonic charity by aiding in the relief of the distressed throngs and then aiding in the reconstruction of damaged structures.

Brother Gaylord never lost touch with Oakland Lodge and on every opportunity visited and took part in its rites. In 1931 he became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California. That same year, despite the heavy duties of his office, he found time to make visits to Oakland. The first was on November 12, when he delivered the eulogy at the Masonic funeral of Brother Charles N. Walter who had been Organist of Oakland Lodge for many years. Then, two days later, accompanied by the other officers of the Grand Lodge, he joined in the dedication of the new Oakland Post Office at Thirteenth and Alice Streets.

The Grand Lodge of California held its annual Convocation for 1932 in the Scottish Rite Temple in Oakland and Brother Gaylord requested the loan of the two pillars that grace the entrance to our lodge room. He had a sentimental reason for the request as he had passed between them on his entry into Masonry as an Entered Apprentice, March 18, 1899. This was the first, and only time until their recent transfer to our new Masonic Temple at Fortieth and Broadway, that they had ever left our lodge room.

The pillars were returned at the conclusion of the Convocation, safe and sound.

With his term as Grand Master concluded Brother Gaylord again became active in the activities of Oakland Lodge. On December 12, 1932, he presided as Master of Ceremonies to seat Brother Ralph August Kurtz and staff of officers for 1933. On December 8, 1937, he installed his son Robert Gaylord, Jr., as Master of Oakland Lodge. Again, on December 19, 1939, he presided as Installing Officer, with Past Grand Master George C. Perkins, as Master of Ceremonies, to seat Brother Willard Nutting and his officers for 1940. At the Seventy-fifth Anniversary dinner October 15, 1942, he was speaker of the evening.

On Past Masters Nights he entered whole heartedly into the ceremonies. Three of those occasions, November 15, 1944, and November 20, 1946, he presided in the East, and again on May 26, 1948.

On April 6, 1949, Brother Gaylord was presented with his Grand Lodge gold veterans pin for 50 years of service in Masonry. The presentation was made in the presence of Grand Master Edward H. Siems and the officers of the Grand Lodge.

Honors continued to come to Brother Gaylord in the higher eschelons of Masonry and he was successively Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California, Knight Templars and then Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment K.T. of the United States.

On November 9, 1951, as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knight Templars of the United States, he paid his last visit to the Lodge in which he had been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and was received with honors by the members of Oakland Lodge. Soon after his entry into the lodge room there came a surprise visit by Most Worshipful Grand Master Louis Drapeau and the Grand Lodge officers of California who had come also to pay him honor. It was one of the most distinguished nights yet held by Oakland Lodge No. 188.

Brother Gaylord passed away at his Piedmont home on August 4, 1953, following a protracted illness at the age of 76 years. His funeral was conducted by Oakland Lodge with Worshipful Master William H. Owens officiating, in the presence of the officers of the Grand Lodge of California, and uniformed members of the Knight Templars.



MONIED MASONS

American Masons can certainly be said to be in the money making class. Look at your one dollar bills and you will see the portrait of George Washington. On the \$10 note appears the picture of Alexander Hamilton. On the \$10 silver certificate is the engraving of Robert Morris, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The \$50 legal tender notes of the late 70's and early 80's appears the benign face of good old Benjamin Franklin. On the \$5 legal tender notes of 1869 through 1907 is the portrait of Andrew Jackson. On the early \$100 national bank notes can be seen Oliver Hazard Perry. On the early \$1,000 national bank notes is General Winfield Scott. Another naval hero, Stephen Decatur's face, appears on the \$20 silver certificates of 1872 and 1880, while Henry Clay's visage graces the \$50 legal tender notes of 1869. President James Garfield's portrait appears on the \$5 national bank notes of 1892. These are but a few of our prominent citizens of the Mystic tie who have been honored by having their countenances engraved on our national paper currency.



WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE

One of our most distinguished brothers in local, state and national Masonry was William Frank Pierce. He received his third degree in Oakland Lodge No. 188, June 24, 1882. From there he was destined to reach greater heights in Masonry than any other Brother since the founding of



WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE

Our First Grand Master from Oakland Lodge No. 188, who reached Masonic heights.

Oakland Lodge in 1868 until his death in 1914. Between those 32 years from his raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason to his passing to

the Grand Lodge beyond he had held about every Masonic honor that it was possible for him to obtain.

Two months after being made a Master Mason in Oakland Lodge No. 188 he received the Royal Arch Degree, Oakland Chapter No. 30, on August 14, 1882. On August 19 of that year he received the Council Degrees. On September 30, 1883, Brother Pierce received the Scottish Rite Degrees and his thirty-third degree was awarded January 10, 1887.

William Frank Pierce was a charter member of all the Scottish Rite bodies of Oakland. Then, to cap his progress, he was made an active member of the Supreme Scottish Rite Masonry in St. Louis, Missouri.

He was thrice Illustrious Master of Oakland Council No. 12, Royal and Select Masters, starting in 1885. In 1887 he was High Priest, Oakland Chapter No. 36, Royal Arch Masons. In 1892 he was made Commander, Oakland Commandery No. 11, Knights Templars.

The year 1893 saw William Frank Pierce elected Worshipful Master of Oakland Lodge No. 188, the twenty-sixth Master to occupy the chair in the East. Then, in 1901, California Masons selected him to be Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California.

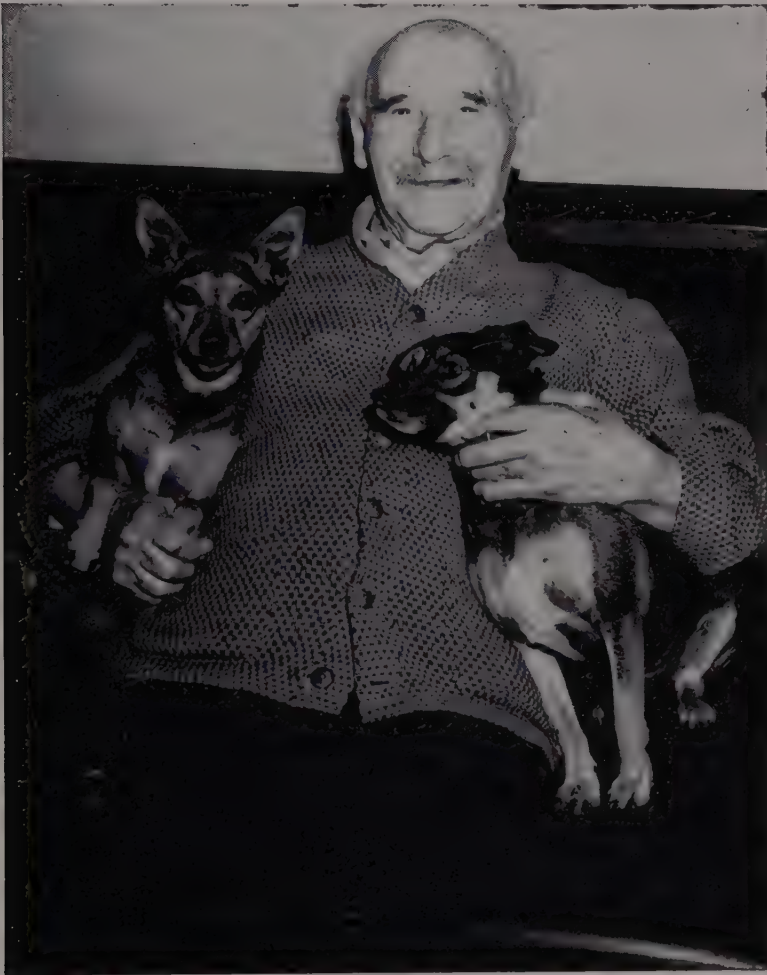
After successively holding the offices of Grand High Priest, Grand Master Council of California, the latter for the years 1890 to 1892, he was selected Grand Commander, Knights Templar of California, which position he held from 1902 until 1914, inclusive, at which time he was called by the Supreme Grand Master to that Lodge on High.



According to Scripture "And Solomon gave twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to Hiram's household and twenty measures of pure oil; thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year."

DR. SEMINITI JULIUS VON HIRSCH

On August 4, 1941, Brother Seminiti Julius Von Hirsch, M.D., was struck by an automobile on West Street, Oakland, and was almost instantly killed. At the time of his death Brother Von Hirsch was the oldest member of the Masonic fraternity in the United States, being 104 years,



DR. SEMINITI JULIUS VON HIRSCH
Was the Nation's Oldest Master Mason.

seven months old. Only on January 8, 1941, he had been presented with his 50 year veterans gold button by the Grand Lodge as a member of Oakland Lodge for half a century.

Presentation of the gold button from the Grand Lodge was to have been made by Past Master George Pardee who was master of Oakland Lodge when Brother Von Hirsch was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, January 10, 1891. But Brother Pardee was too ill to appear and the pleasant duty of presentation was performed by Past Master Sophus Nelson, Inspector of the 38th Masonic District, before a large gathering of the brethren. At the same meeting the Lodge had planned to present Brother Pardee with a gold plated Past Masters Certificate in commemoration of his fiftieth year as a Past Master.

At the age of 104 years Brother Von Hirsch was spry and alert in mind and body and addressed the brethren expressing his appreciation of the honor done him, told many amusing incidents in the history of the Lodge and, having been a musician in his younger days, though now almost totally deaf, favored them with a piano solo. In the banquet hall following the ceremonies he was presented with a birthday cake and various speakers paid tribute to his long life of usefulness and to his cheerfulness.

Brother Von Hirsch was born December 25, 1836, in Munich, Germany. His father was a Prussian Army General and his mother was French. In his youth he served as a Colonel in the Franco-Russian War and later was with the French Navy in China as a medical attache. From China he came to the United States and in 1878 became an American citizen.

For ten years he was director of the New York Symphony orchestra until his hearing failed. He then moved to San Francisco where he completed his medical studies in the San Francisco College of Medicine. Then he moved to Oakland and practiced medicine until his ninety-seventh year. In addition to his other accomplishments he was also master of thirteen languages.

Following his tragic death Masonic services were held for Brother Von Hirsch by Oakland Lodge August 6, with Past Master Milton Hendrickson officiating.

WALTER CAREY WILCOX

On April 11, 1895, there occurred in Oakland Lodge No. 188, a ceremony that proved that Masonry was a living thing and not just an abstract idea. On that date the Most Worshipful Grand Master R. F. Ott, of the Grand Lodge of California, F. & A. M., raised Walter Carey Wilcox, known as "The Masonic Orphan," to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Brother Wilcox was born in Florida in 1874. Shortly after, his parents moved to New Orleans. Then, when the boy was four years old, both died of yellow fever. A surviving relative, a grandmother, lived in Sacramento, California. The boy's father had been a Mason so the brethren of New Orleans arranged to send the young orphan to Sacramento.

Young Walter made the journey alone by train, alone that is physically. But, as today, many railroad men were Masons. They agreed with the New Orleans brethren to keep an eye on the lad and to aid him on his long journey to a relative he had never seen. In order that he might not become lost he also had tags attached to his jacket telling who he was, where he was going and asking all Masons to keep a watchful eye on him during the long trip. The railroad brethren performed their task well and the youngster reached Sacramento without a hitch of any kind and was safely delivered to his grandmother in Sacramento.

The Grand Lodge of California was in Annual Communication at the time. Little Walter was introduced to the assembled officers of the Grand Lodge by Grand Master Atkinson. Thereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded to adopt the child. An appropriation of \$25 a month was voted for his support. Grand Treasurer Nathan Spaulding, Past Master of Oakland Lodge, was appointed his guardian.

Whether the grandmother was too aged, or was unable to care for the boy, the records do not say. But he was taken into the family of Brother Spaulding who brought him to Oakland. Walter went through the Oakland public schools and after graduation from Oakland High School continued to the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco where he took his degree in Dentistry. He was raised in Oakland Lodge at the time Brother Charles Ott occupied the Oriental chair.

After graduation from the College Brother Wilcox remained for a time in Oakland and then moved to Long Beach where he practiced his profession until he was 71 years of age, when he retired. In 1951 he moved to Strawberry, in Tuolumne county. On May 2, 1945, he was awarded his gold fifty year button, coming from Long Beach to accept the honor which was conferred at the hands of Irving Hazeltine, Inspector of the 38th Masonic District on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

At the time Brother Wilcox was raised in Oakland Lodge he presented the Grand Lodge officers with the tags that had been attached to his jacket on the long journey from New Orleans to Sacramento. Today they are guarded in the archives of the Grand Lodge in San Francisco.

A year after his retirement to Strawberry, on May 11, 1952, Walter Carey Wilcox passed to that land from whose bourne no traveler returns. At the request of his widow Carolyn, and Oakland Lodge No. 188, Masonic services were held for him by Tuolumne Lodge No. 8 of Sonora.



The Peterson and Johnson names lead the list of brothers of Oakland Lodge No. 188 in registry. At the present time there are six brothers in each category on our membership roles. Close behind them, with five members each, come the Thompsons, Nelsons and Hills, while the Millers and Clarks number four each. Surprisingly there are only three bearing the name of Smith.

JOHN LESLIE DAVIE

If any member of Oakland Lodge could be called a battling Brother, John Leslie Davie, former Mayor of Oakland, was that man. He was a battler from the time when, as a 15-year-old boy, he got a job driving mules on the Erie Canal of New York state where he was associated with about



JOHN LESLIE DAVIE

A Battling Mayor.

the toughest rough and tumble fighters to be found on land or sea. John Davie was born in New York state June 24, 1850, the fourth child in a family of ten. From his autobiography written in 1931, he declared, "I look back on a life of action and I trust a life of service."

After leaving his canal job young Davie turned to the study of law but was not able to complete it until he was a grown man. Going West he secured a job as a buckeroo on a Nevada cattle ranch. On that job he not only learned to keep an eye on ranging cattle but also marauding Indians. He was one of a herd crew that drove a big band of cattle to Red Bluff, California, where it was the custom of the beef buyers from San Francisco and Sacramento to make their purchases each year. It was also the custom of the owners to pay their cowboys off with livestock instead of cash, each being given a certain number of the herd to sell on their own in lieu of wages. Brother Davie sold his share for a good price and in 1876 arrived in San Francisco to take the town. Instead the town took him and he was soon broke.

A couple of actors befriended Davie and he secured a job on the stage of the old Mission Opera House. His first pay check amounted to \$10. Having a lusty voice he was promoted to a singing part in the chorus with an increase in pay. Unfortunately the troupe went broke and he started looking for another job. The old California Market was having trouble with hoodlums and John was hired as a bouncer. He was so successful that he was promoted to become a regular butcher.

It was while there he joined the California National Guard and became a sergeant. The company, which had succeeded the old Vigilante Committee, soon found itself involved in mix-ups with the Dennis Kearny rioters, the same gang that had bombarded Brother Enoch Pardee with rocks and tomatoes. Numerous set-tos occurred between the Guard and rioters.

Soon after his service in the Guard ended, through the offices of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst he was able to start his own butcher shop. Shortly, because of his personality, he had a monopoly of the high class trade of residents of Nob Hill.

In 1885 he transferred his interests to Oakland where he became an outstanding figure right up to the time of his death, February 24, 1934, at

the age of 84. Masonic services were held for Brother Davie in Scottish Rite Temple, February 26, under auspices of Oakland Lodge.

On his arrival in Oakland he opened a fuel and feed store and then later a book store. There he became acquainted with such literary figures as Joaquin Miller, Jack London, Ina Coolbrith, Edwin Markham, J. Ross Browne and scores of others.

Davie entered politics and was elected Mayor of Oakland. He was harrassed by an unfriendly council but he did succeed in establishing a one dollar tax rate. Then, in order to battle the meat trust he organized a co-operative meat company that became an outstanding success.

"Then came the greatest battle of my life," he wrote in his life history. "It was a battle into which I poured a fortune and years of effort to win back for the people of Oakland title to the water front lands held and controlled by a great railroad. I battled great legal minds and hired assassins and fought hoodlums and unfriendly police. I started a transportation system, building a fleet of boats plying between Oakland, Alameda and Berkeley to San Francisco, and I established a five cent ferry across the bay."

There are many residents of today who can recall that battle and who commuted back and forth between Oakland and San Francisco on the famed nickel ferry boat, Rosalie, flagship of the service that was known as the Creek Route. He fought the Southern Pacific for eight years with victory coming through a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

He served as Mayor for five terms in each one of which he was elected at the primaries. During his terms of office he was responsible for the introduction of Civil Service in city government, for the dredging of the western waterfront and Lake Merritt, and obtaining the site for the Snow Museum and the Municipal Golf links. He fostered the purchase of Sierra summer camps and Skyline Boulevard, caused many industries to come to Oakland and was responsible for construction of the Grove Street docks, the start of the present great Port of Oakland.

Brother John Davie received his third degree in Oakland Lodge November 16, 1889, four years after coming here from San Francisco. The degree was conferred by Brother Fred L. Button, Master that year.



MASONIC RESEARCH

Of all objects to which the candidate's attention is called as he begins his ascent to the Middle Chamber, none are more conspicuous, or more deserving of the most thorough investigation, than the Two Great Pillars which stand at the entrance. They guard the Santcum from the outer world and invite the initiate into its mysteries.

Being properly stationed at the door of the Lodge Room they signify entrance, for it is through them that the candidate passes to his Initiation and Initiation is birth to a new life.

It was the custom of many of the most primitive peoples to set up stones as markers about their huts and places of worship and they were symbols of stability, and this custom we still maintain.

The picture of the Pillars shows Jachin on the right and Boaz on the left. Jachin means, "He shall establish." Boaz means, "In it is strength."

These Pillars were made and presented to the Oakland Temple Association at about the turn of the century by an Oakland 188 Brother, David W. Standiford.

These Pillars are considered the most elaborate, ornate and beautiful of any in California. In 1932, when P. M. Robert B. Gaylord became Grand Master of California, the annual communication was held in the Scottish Rite Hall in Oakland, and our pillars were moved there for the occasion.



EDWIN A. SHERMAN

Members of Oakland Lodge No. 188 have risen to the defense of our country in every war since that with Mexico in 1846 right up to the present Viet Nam struggle. Always our brothers in arms have acquitted themselves with honor. But few of the members of Oakland Lodge though, have had



EDWIN A. SHERMAN
Maker of Masonic History.

the distinguished career of Edwin A. Sherman, veteran of the Mexican War, author and founder of the Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies. On February 12, 1928, Deputy Grand Master Gustav A. Hutuff, officers of the Grand Lodge of California, members of East Bay Lodges, the Scottish Rite Bodies, Aahmes Temple of the Mystic Shrine and members of the Order of Eastern Star gathered in Mt. View Cemetery to dedicate a monument to this famous pioneer, author and Masonic leader.

Brother Sherman was born in Massachusetts in 1829. He was a newspaperman until the Mexican War broke whereupon he enlisted and fought in that campaign, being wounded. Upon his recovery he joined the California Gold Rush of 1849. After varying fortune he came to Oakland where, at the age of 55 years, he joined Oakland Lodge No. 188 in 1884, after having been raised in Temple Lodge in 1853. He remained a resident of Oakland until his death March 17, 1914, at the age of 85 years. He also became a life member of Oakland Lodge.

Brother Sherman was always an active Mason. In addition to being the prime mover in organizing the Scottish Rite Bodies of Oakland he was instrumental also in forming nine Masonic orders in California and Nevada. A highlight of his career was when he made a dangerous trip to Mexico to recover the heart of Dr. Ygnacio Herrera y Caro, Ex-Governor of the state of Jalisco, Mexico, who was murdered May 21, 1860, because of his Masonic activities in a land which at that time was violently anti-Masonic. He was successful and today the heart of this Mexican Masonic Martyr reposes in the Mt. View Cemetery in the Sherman plot.

When Brother Charles M. Ott was installed as Master of Oakland Lodge, December 28, 1895, Brother Sherman presented the lodge with his sword which he had carried through the Mexican campaign, for use of the Lodge's Tiler.

Preceding the dedication of the monument to Brother Sherman Most Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Hutuff, with a number of the Grand Lodge officers paid a visit to Oakland Lodge, February 11, at which time Oakland Lodge was meeting on Saturday night instead of the present Wednesday. The following day, Lincoln's Birthday, the Grand Officers held the dedication ceremonies in the cemetery. The program was preceded by a procession from the cemetery gates to the Sherman plot. Heading the pro-

cession was the Aahmes Shrine Band followed by the various participating organizations. At the monument the ancient symbolic ritual of pouring on it of the corn, wine and oil was held. Deputy Grand Master Hutuff was Master of Ceremonies. He was introduced by Governor George C. Pardee, also a member of Oakland Lodge, who delivered the eulogy. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court William H. Wasté was then introduced as orator of the day. The latter, who was a friend of the deceased brother, compared his character to that of President Abraham Lincoln. Present at the ceremony was Mrs. Sherman, widow of the departed brother, and a message was received from his son, Major Edwin A. Sherman, U.S.A., retired, who was unable to be present.

In addition to being an active member of the Masonic Fraternity Brother Sherman was also a Masonic writer of note being the author of "Fifty Years of Freemasonry in California." He also wrote and edited various Masonic publications.

Few members of Oakland Lodge rank higher in fraternity circles than does Edwin A. Sherman. He was born, August 25, 1829, in North Bridgewater, Mass. He was president of the Veterans of the Mexican War, a California Gold Rush Pioneer, coming to California May 24, 1849. Following the Mexican War in which he was an active participant he became Grand Secretary of the Masonic Veterans of the Pacific Coast. He was 61 years a Master Mason, 46 years a member of the Consistory and 30 years a thirty-third degree Grand Cross. When he died in Oakland March 17, 1914, he was 85 years of age.

In addition to his other Masonic activities as a Master Mason, he also superintended the erection of the statue of Admiral Sloat, also a Master Mason, on the hill at Monterey, California, overlooking Monterey Bay.

The portrait of Brother Sherman was presented Oakland Lodge No. 188 by Brother H. F. Deaner, 32nd degree and Knights Templar Oakland Camp, March 6, 1940. He was also a Master Mason of 60 years standing.



The principal pagan mysteries celebrated in Greece were the Eleusinian and the Bacchic.



A Master Mason is a Freemason and as such stands at the summit of the Masonic edifice. He can advance no higher, but he may if he so desires broaden his Masonic knowledge by joining with other brothers and engaging in activities calculated to improve his practice of the art. Sometimes a diagram is displayed showing the three Craft degrees at the bottom with many degrees and orders towering above them. In truth and fact the graphic representation should be horizontal and not vertical. The three degrees of Freemasonry stand in the center with the concordant bodies of the York and Scottish Rite extending out on either side. Encrusted below and around the craft degrees and the rites are the many membership prerequisite organizations. Just as self-made men can become well educated without ever attending college, so can the Master Mason become proficient in his art without affiliating with any collateral body. Yet it is stimulating to go to college and knowledge is more easily and pleasantly acquired in the company of congenial companions. But never forget that in Freemasonry nobody outranks the Master Mason.

NEWCOMB CONDEE, Editor, *California Freemason*



SOME INCIDENTS OF MASONRY IN EARLY CALIFORNIA

We of the Masonic Fraternity can be proud of the part that this Order and our early Brethren played in the formation of California and its government during its swaddling days. It is fortunate that there were so many members of the Craft here when the Gold Rush started in 1848. It was through their influence that early mining laws were formulated, order established in the mining camps and maintained. The mining code drawn up by those early brothers under the direction of Brother Jonathan Stevenson, first Grand Master of Masons in California, and his assistants, was the foundation of our present mining laws and today governs other mining areas wherever English speaking miners work.

The California Gold Rush was a young man's adventure and the majority of those taking part were in their twenties or thirties. A great part of the young men in 1848, '49 and the Fifties, came from some of the best families of the eastern seaboard. Many were college men or high school graduates. All but a few had common school educations despite what the fiction writers would have us believe. Many, too, before leaving their eastern homes had become members of the Craft. The criminal element, the uncouth, so-called "Pike County" characters and Australian ticket of leave convicts who were to cause so many disturbances in the gold fields, were later arrivals.

Even before the discovery of gold, January 24, 1848, by James Marshall, himself a Mason, there were a number of Master Masons among the early settlers of California. A survey made in 1845 at the direction of John C. Bidwell, founder of Chico, also a Mason and at a later date Prohibition

candidate for the Presidency of the United States, revealed that at that time there were eighty-two white men living in the Sacramento Valley, many of whom were Master Masons. A number of these men were employed by Captain Johan Sutter at his fort where now stands the city of Sacramento. It was from Sutters Fort that many of the relief expeditions were fitted out to rescue snowbound emigrants caught in the mountains by Sierra storms. Notable among these was the rescue of the survivors of the ill-fated Donner Party in 1847. Many of the brethren participated in these rescues.

North of Captain Sutter's vast domain was the rancho of Peter Lassen, after whom Lassen Peak and county and the Lassen Volcanic National Park were named. He was a Dane who had come to the United States in 1839 and to California the following year. He first joined Captain Sutter and then selected a rancho holding at the site where Deer Creek flows out of the mountains to enter the Sacramento river. There, in Tehama county, he established a trading post and named his place Benton City in honor of U. S. Senator Thomas Benton of Missouri, father-in-law of John C. Fremont, the Path Finder, who opened up many of the routes into the state. The only relic of Benton City remaining today is a large concrete Masonic emblem of the Square and Compass, erected on the bank of Deer Creek where it crosses Highway 99 East. Where Lassen was raised to the sublime degree is not of record, but he, too, was a member of the Fraternity. In 1847 he gathered other Brothers of the Mystic Tie residing in the upper Sacramento valley for the purpose of forming a Masonic Lodge to be known as Western Star Lodge. Armed with the application Lassen and Saschel Wood made the journey back to Missouri where they petitioned the Grand Lodge of Missouri for a charter. This was granted. But the two emissaries were unable to return to California until late in 1848. Then it was found that while they were away gold had been discovered in the American river at Coloma, thereby starting the big gold rush. Also General Bidwell had followed on July 4, 1848, by another rich discovery on the Feather river at what was known as Bidwells Bar.

On their return Lassen and Wood found that the petitioners for the formation of Western Star Lodge had scattered to the gold fields. Before they could get a sufficient number of Masons together again another group

of the Brethren had formed Lodge No. 1 in San Francisco. When Western Star Lodge did reform it became Western Star Lodge No. 2. It was soon moved from Benton City to Old Shasta, in Shasta County, where it is located today. Its old lodge hall and temple is a veritable museum of early California Masonry. Wood was installed Worshipful Master and Lassen as Junior Warden.

Peter Lassen was killed by Piute Indians, April 25, 1859, after he had moved to Susanville. Today, his grave near that city is marked by a monument erected to his memory by the Masonic Lodge.

In June, 1846, Peter Lassen, with Robert Semple, another early outstanding Mason, were members of the Bear Flag party that revolted and captured the Mexican headquarters of General Mariano Vallejo at Sonoma and set up the short-lived California Republic. Semple, an ardent Mason, was the man who donated the lumber for construction of the Masonic Temple at Benecia, said to be the oldest temple in California and which is still in active use. It stands, poorly marked, near the old state capitol building.

Among the stalwarts of the Fraternity coming to California before the Gold Rush the name of Kit Carson the Pathfinder, stands out. He first came into the state through the pass that bears his name, in 1839, and again in 1847 when he guided Fremont into California. He was Warden of the Masonic Lodge in Taos, New Mexico.

It is interesting to know that many of the Masons coming to California in the Gold Rush days were in groups who sought to mine together. In making the journey across the country they left their names and initials, along with the square and compass, painted or carved into the rocks along the way. Most of the Masonic emigrants favored the Donner Pass entry as their rough and rocky road over the Sierra range. Even today, in sheltered nooks in the rocks there can be traced the emblems of those who passed that way.

The early brothers were active and generous men who, even before the Gold Rush, were called on to exercise that Masonic charity for which the Fraternity is so well known. The first record of this applied Masonry was connected with the ill fated Donner party whose tragic experience occurred when it became snow bound on the shores of Donner lake in 1846. One

of the party, James Reed, in defending his wife, killed another member of the party on the Nevada desert before reaching the lake. He was banished into the desert without food or arms, tantamount to a death sentence. His daughter smuggled his horse, gun and some food to him and he was able to reach Sutters Fort. There he arranged for aid for the wagon train from which he had been banished but by then caught in the Sierra snows. Rescue parties were unable to get across the summit until the following spring. Then a party led by a man named Glover reached them with a small amount of food. He was only able to take out a few of the strongest members of the party to the head of the Bear river. Glover promised to return. As the relief party was leaving he was approached by Mrs. Reed.

"Are you a Mason?" she asked. He replied that he was.

"Then will you promise me on the word of a Mason to look out for my children when you return?" Glover promised that he would.

"I'm satisfied," replied Mrs. Reed. "My husband is a Mason and I have faith in their word." How well that promise was kept we now know, for on his next trip in Glover, now accompanied by Reed, brought the entire family out in safety.

The first Masonic Lodge in the west was formed in Honolulu in 1846 aboard a whaling vessel and was formed under French dispensation.

The year 1849 saw the formation of five Masonic lodges in California. A meeting was held April 17, 1850, by a part of this group on the feasibility of forming a Grand Lodge. Then, on May 7, six lodges, California No. 1 of San Francisco; Western Star No. 2 of Benton City; Tehama No. 3 of Sacramento; Berryman No. 4 of Sacramento; Benecia No. 5 of Benecia and Sutter No. 6 of Sacramento, met in Sacramento to constitute the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California. Colonel Jonathan D. Stevenson, former commander of the New York Volunteer Regiment which had been disbanded in California after the Mexican War, was elected first Grand Master.

The Fraternity grew fast and when the semi-annual Communication was held in November, 1850, the roster of lodges had grown to eleven. Shortly thereafter lodges were formed in all parts of the state, the greater number being in the Mother Lode country. Hardly a mining camp of any

size but what had its Masonic Lodge as well as lodges of Odd Fellows and Sons of Temperance.

Colonel Stevenson, first Grand Master, was a remarkable man. At the time the New York Regiment was disbanded Marshall made his discovery of gold. Many of the members of the regiment instead of returning east when discharged elected to go to the gold fields. Many of them, like their commander, were Masons. They made many important gold discoveries and gave their names, as well as Masonic names to numerous mining camps, some of which survive and have grown into prosperous communities.

This was a most fortunate break for California as it was recognized that with a great influx of miners and others, laws would have to be drawn up to govern the mining camps. In this move Colonel Stevenson took a leading part. Late in 1848 he called a meeting of the miners of Mokolumne Hill and temporary laws were drafted. One of these, notable for showing its Masonic influence, provided that no one might jump a claim if the owner himself was sick or was away attending a sick miner.

Following the Mokelumne Hill meeting a second was called for Columbia, then the mining capital of California. There a complete set of laws was adopted. These were later described by Senator Conness, chairman of the Senate Committee on Mines and Mining, as being commanding in their equitability and national justice. So perfect were these Masonic formulated laws that they became the foundation stones for all future mining codes wherever white miners worked.

Oakland Lodge can boast of two connections with the mining country. One of these is the great Pardee Dam and reservoir on the Mokelumne river, named for Brother George C. Pardee, a Past Master of Oakland Lodge No. 188. The Pardee Dam blocks the flow of the Mokelumne river and from its impounded lake comes a large part of the water supplying the city of Oakland and the East Bay area. The lake, today, covers many noted mining camps under a deep blanket of water.

The other connection has to do with Nathan Spaulding, our first Worshipful Master. He and a partner had a rich claim on what was known as Middle Bar, now deep under the waters of Lake Pardee.

Many of the lodges along the Mother Lode were formed so quickly

that necessary furnishings could not be supplied at once. Knights Ferry, on the Stanislaus river, had no jewels for its officers. The camp blacksmith, himself a Mason, offered to supply temporary ones. He went about the camp collecting tin cans. From this metal he cut out the necessary articles. Those makeshift jewels are displayed in San Francisco, one of the prized relics of the Grand Lodge, and which show the versatility of our early brothers.

The Knights Ferry brethren have a happy custom that has persisted over the years. Each spring, when the gulches are running full of water, the brothers take their gold pans, picks and shovels and go forth to work the stream gravels collecting virgin gold with which to make the jewel for the retiring Master.



PARDEE RESERVOIR, MOKELUMNE RIVER.

Named for Past Master George C. Pardee. This section covers site of mining claim of Past Master Nathan W. Spaulding. Source of water for the East Bay.

The old mining town of Volcano, in Amador county, holds a special interest for the brethren who are interested in the Masonic history of the place. It is one of the mining camps started by members of the Stevenson Regiment. Its Masonic Temple today contains a fine collection of Masonic memorabilia, including photographs of many early day Masons of the camp. The first members met in a limestone cavern until able to erect their temple. It is also the place where Nathan Spaulding, first Worshipful Master of Oakland Lodge No. 188, became a Mason.

At the time of the Civil War California was torn between loyal and rebel factions. The chief group of Confederate sympathizers working toward swinging the state to the Southern cause was known as Knights of The Golden Circle. Authorities knew the group was laying extensive plans for an uprising of southern followers in the state. But they had no idea what the plans were, who the leading officers were, or the location of the headquarters of the Knights.

One of the Masonic leaders of the camp and Secretary of the Lodge at Volcano, was Ben Ross, a veteran of the Mexican War. In the invasion of Mexico Ross had saved the life of a Mexican youth. One day the lad appeared in Volcano and immediately attached himself to his former benefactor. Shortly after the boy came to his friend with a thick leather bound book that he had found in a clump of willows. Not being able to read English he brought the book to Ross so he could find the owner.

Ross looked through the book and nearly shouted with joy. It was a minute book of the Knights of the Golden Circle. It gave a list of the officers and members, as well as plans for the proposed uprising. There was also a list of Loyal Californians who were scheduled to be done away with and Ross' name was near the top. It was also shown that one of the main centers was right in Volcano where a relative of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, was a supposed resident.

Ross cautioned the boy to say absolutely nothing to any one about the book. Quietly he left Volcano for Sacramento where he turned it over to the military authorities.

When Ross returned to Volcano he had a commission to organize a military company of loyal Union men. A special meeting of the Masons was called and from it came the formation of the Volcano Blues. Secret

drills were held with weapons and a cannon smuggled in under a load of provisions. The lodge members constructed a carriage for the cannon. Then, on a certain day, set by the authorities in Sacramento, all the known loyal merchants of the town were quietly instructed to keep the iron shutters in front of their store windows closed. Out of the Masonic Hall marched the uniformed Volcano Blues with their cannon in the front. Marching to the head of the street they turned the muzzle of the weapon down the main thoroughfare, loaded it with a stiff charge of powder and damp paper and fired it. The blast shattered every window along the street that had not been protected by the iron shutters. By that token the Knights of the Golden Circle knew that in some manner their secret had been discovered. There was a hurried exodus of southerners from the camp. Federal authorities on the same day, got busy and throughout the state arrested many of the leaders. The raids revealed that the rebels had been busy preparing a ship, the schooner Chapman, whose equipment may be seen today in the Mare Island Navy yard. This vessel was armed and was to capture east bound gold carrying ships. The leaders of the Knights, and many of their followers, were incarcerated on Alcatraz Island for the duration of the war. "Old Abe" as the gun had been christened, became a show piece and was vociferously fired after every Union victory. The old gun can still be seen in Volcano and on every Fourth of July it relives its original firing.

When the gold placers were discovered on the Merced river on the grant of John C. Fremont, there was an influx of miners. The Indians, angered at their operations which were destroying the pine nut trees, one of their principal food sources, and the destruction of their fishing grounds by the mining operations, declared war and several whites were killed. In order to put down the uprising the Legislature ordered the formation of the Mariposa Battalion and placed it in charge of Major William Savage. The Indians, under Chief Teneya, were chased back into their secret valley, now known as the Yosemite. Members of the Battalion proved as good trackers as the Indians and soon entered the stronghold, driving the enemy back across the Sierra Nevada range. The white men, surprised at the beauties of the future great playground, gave names to all the prominent objects. Two of these, according to Dr. Stephen Bunnell, surgeon of

the Battalion, were named by Masonic members and today are known as the Royal Arches and Washington's Column.

With the rush of thousands to the gold fields during the early days of the Grand Lodge, many failed in their efforts to win fortunes at mining and became ill and destitute. They applied to the Order for aid. This charity was freely given but soon the treasury of the Grand Lodge and its associated lodges began to be depleted in this work of aiding the sick and distressed brothers. One Sacramento Lodge went bankrupt in meeting its obligations. It became necessary for the Grand Lodge to call upon the lodges of the nation to aid the stricken brethren. In true Masonic manner they responded nobly and the tremendous pressure on the California lodges was relieved, permitting the work of charity to continue.

Since those days of 1850 when six young Masonic lodges formed our first Grand Lodge, the Masonic fraternity of California has grown steadily, implanting its principles and carrying on its work of faith, hope and charity. Its members have filled important posts in local, state and national affairs. It has taken a leading part in the life of the nation in peace, war and disaster. Always it has lived up fully to the tenants set by our ancient brethren. It has fostered education and has accomplished much in making this a better world in which to live. From the original six lodges of 1850 that met in Sacramento and laid the foundation stones of Masonry in California, lodge membership has grown until today it can show over 709 lodges with a membership of more than half a million Master Masons.

As the city of York claims to be the birthplace of Masonry in England so does the village of Kilwinning make the same claim as being the original home of Masonry in Scotland.



RESEARCH GLEANINGS A.F.&A.M.

Many Masons are puzzled why some Grand Lodges designate themselves A.F.&A.M. and others F.&A.M. Before the United Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1813, there were two Grand Lodges existing in England. One was known as the "Ancients" and the other as the "Moderns." Both of these Grand Lodges issued charters to lodges in the U.S.A. Those chartered by the Moderns, which was the older Grand Lodge in England, used the title F.&A.M. Those chartered by the Ancients used A.F.&A.M.

As for principles and ritual of Grand Lodges, in the United States using either of these titles, there is practically no difference except such as the Grand Lodges legislate.

There are in the United States 49 Grand Jurisdictions of which 25 use A.F.&A.M., 23 using F.&A.M., one using A.F.M. (Ancient Free Masons), South Carolina.



. . . *Miscellaneous*

CUSTOMS OF OAKLAND LODGE No. 188 F.&A.M.

Through the years Oakland Lodge No. 188 has established a number of customs that have become regular features of the lodge's life and programs. Outstanding among these is the unbroken chain of visits between Oakland Lodge and Durant Lodge. These annual visits in 1968 number a grand total of 85, reputedly the longest string of unbroken visitations in the entire jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California and possibly, of the United States. They all started back in 1883 when Oakland Lodge sponsored the formation of Durant Lodge. At first the brethren of the two lodges made the journey between Oakland and Berkeley over dirt roads in horse drawn rigs. Then, later, by electric car and then automobile. When the weather was on the bad side the visits, to the great credit of the brothers of both lodges, were regularly held. At first these were strictly lodge meetings but in recent years the visits have been made social evenings in which wives of the participating members now often join.

Another outstanding lodge evening is Past Master's Night. This regular feature of the Lodge Life was started during the terms in the East of Worshipful Master W. F. Williamson, October 22, 1904. On this night which occurs toward the end of the Masonic year, the Past Masters assemble and take over the stations just as they did when they controlled the destinies of the Lodge. In the first gathering of Past Masters many of those who had presided in the Lodge's earliest days took part. In the past few years annual class roll call is also held, each Past Master calling up the members raised in his year. This has proven to be an outstanding event and is eagerly looked forward to by both members and past officers.

Another sterling custom and night that has become an established one in Oakland Lodge is the annual Coaches Night. On that evening the mem-

bers of the coaching staff in appreciation of their hard work in preparing new members for Oakland Lodge, are given the honor of occupying the stations and usually raising a Fellow Craft to the sublime degree of Master Mason. This custom was started forty-three years ago, October 31, 1925, when Past Master Sidney F. Sea occupied the Master's chair. In this program the various members of the Coaches Staff are usually rotated in giving the first and second sections, in delivering the Master's lecture and other floor work and features of the ceremony. This program has made possible the extremely high standard of perfection to be seen in the regular work of our officers, a standard that has drawn praise from all other lodges who have had the privilege of witnessing one of our Third Degree ceremonies.

Another long series of annual visitations, established in 1923 when Robert M. Ford was Master, is the annual visit made between Oakland Lodge and Chateau Thierry Lodge. It was during Worshipful Master Bob Ford's term that he was instrumental in forming Chateau Thierry. In addition to sponsoring this lodge the members of Oakland Lodge also presented it with a flight of winding stairs.

On November 17, 1923, Oakland Lodge was host to five lodges which it had sponsored and which were constituted during the year. These were Chateau Thierry, Lakeshore, Plymouth, Foothill and Park Boulevard. That evening began the uninterrupted visits with Chateau Thierry Lodge that have been held every year since that date, a chain of 45 unbroken years.

Annual visits were at first exchanged with Mission Lodge of San Francisco starting in 1880. These were maintained for several years until broken off by the San Francisco lodge because Oakland Lodge met on Saturday nights which made it impossible for the members of Mission Lodge to attend. However after a long period, to the time Oakland began meeting Wednesday nights, they have been resumed and now the annual visits are again being held much to the edification of the members of both lodges.

An added degree has also been added by Oakland Lodge, a fun degree known as the Knife and Fork Degree. This is presented out of lodge, in the banquet hall, and is conferred upon the newest raised member. The jewel of office which is conferred with much ceremony, consists of a silver

plated crossed spoon, knife and fork, relics of the old Masonic Home dining hall. The honoree is required to wear this insignia as he serves on the after meeting gatherings at the dining room table, until the next candidate is raised to the sublime degree at which time the knife and fork jewel is transferred to the neck of the new member.

A long standing social evening, Ladies Night, was started in Oakland Lodge in 1919 during the time that Charles Quayle was Worshipful Master. During the 49 years it has been a feature of our Lodge life it is eagerly looked forward to by both the members and their womenfolk. It has taken the form of lodge dinners, dances and card parties as well as other forms of entertainment.

Two other events that have developed into annual customs for the lodge members are the annual visit to the Masonic Home at Decoto, later Union City, and the observance of Public Schools Week. The first event was started in the 1890's shortly after the Masonic Home was opened and, except for the years when wars interfered, the visits have been made annually. In addition to inspecting the Home the lodge members usually present a program of entertainment for the residents there.

Annually, usually in the Spring, the members of Oakland Lodge join with the members of the other lodges of the Masonic district to observe Public Schools Week. Each year a different school, or college, of the area is selected. This program was started back in 1920 and has been maintained even through the times of depression and wartime restrictions.

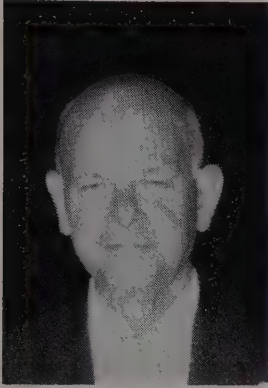
Another custom that has brought considerable pleasure to our own members and those of other lodges is the performances of the Oakland Lodge Players Group. This has brought considerable fame to our thespians who take part in the various performances. The program was started in the term of Brother William Horgan as Master. The first presentation, under the name of the Oakland Lodge Minstrels, took place under direction of Brother Irid Collins as a program presented to the residents of the Masonic Home on our visit there October 14, 1945. The performance was so popular that it was repeated a few weeks later at the Lakeview Jr. High School for the pleasure of the public and a large gathering of our Masonic friends.

On March 7, 1951, under direction of Milton Hendrickson, and participated in by Past Masters Ralph Kurtz, William Horgan, Sidney Sea and brothers Eugene Gaillac and Joseph Shackelton, a play was presented in the Lodge room depicting the investigation of candidates. This brought about the reorganization of our thespians in 1953 under their present designation of the Oakland Lodge Players. James Wilson was Master of the Lodge and the direction was taken over by William Geha. Their first presentation was "A Rose Upon The Altar," and was presented when the brothers paid their annual visit to Durant Lodge. The next presentation was in our own lodge of "You Can't Do It," in 1954. On April 30, 1958, when Worshipful Master Les Landre and the brothers visited Mission Lodge in San Francisco, our thespians presented a repeat of "The Rose Upon The Altar" much to the appreciation of the members of our "Mother Lodge." The play "He That Believeth" was the next offering by the Oakland Lodge Players on the event of the seventy-ninth visit of Oakland to Durant Lodge, October 25, 1961. For the benefit of those members of the Lodge who had not seen this performance it was repeated in our own lodge room June 24, 1962.

At the stated meeting of Oakland Lodge, Wednesday, May 3, 1967, a theme song written by Brother Walter Hadlock, lodge organist, titled "Oakland Lodge One Eighty Eighty" was unanimously adopted to be sung at the close of the after meetings in the banquet hall, This succeeded the "Auld Lang Syne" which had formerly closed the banquet room gatherings.

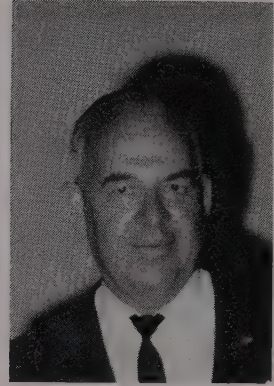


The seven branched candlestick which was made by Moses for service in the tabernacle and after in the Temple, was of pure gold. At the extension of its seven branches were seven lamps which burned pure olive oil.



WALTER HADLOCK

LET THERE BE MUSIC



CARLETON MARSHALL

Walter Hadlock, organist of Oakland Lodge, composed the following theme song for Oakland Lodge No. 188. Then he and Carleton Marshall, lodge soloist, gave its first presentation in Lodge at the Stated Meeting of June 7, 1967. The new theme song now closes all gatherings in the dining room.

Oakland Lodge 188

*Oakland Lodge One Eighty Eight,
Oakland Lodge One Eighty Eight,
We are here to welcome you,
'Tis the time for one and all
To have joy and then recall.
So have fun and let us sing.
Sing loud, enjoy yourself now,
Let your brethren know you are here,
Oakland Lodge One Eighty Eight,
Oakland Lodge One Eighty Eight,
All here together now.*

TREASURERS OF OAKLAND LODGE No. 188

The finances of Oakland Lodge No. 188 have always been on the safe side despite depressions and wars. This has entirely been due to the Brothers, who, during the one hundred years, have occupied the chair of Lodge Treasurer. Their role is as follows:

Francis Reichling, 1868

Lemuel G. Chapman, 1869

Joseph Becht, 1870

Myron T. Dusenbury, 1871

John M. Miner, 1872-1873

Charles T. Rutherford, P.M., 1874-1891

Zachary T. Gilpin, P.M., 1892-1894

Damien E. Fortin, 1895-1897

Edwin N. Walter, 1898-1915

Thomas I. Miller, P.M., 1916-1932

Francis Ami Braun, P.M., 1933

Charles Quayle, P.M., 1934-1938

Melvin L. Graves, P.M., 1939-1946

Sidney F. Sea, P.M., 1947-1967

Jay T. Hill, 1967 to Date

SECRETARIES OF OAKLAND LODGE No. 188

During its one hundred years of existence Oakland Lodge No. 188 has had eight Secretaries of which number all but three were Past Masters. In 1882 the system of appointing Past Masters to the office was inaugurated and has been maintained to the present day.

First Brother to hold the office was Charles B. Rutherford who kept the Lodge records from 1868 to 1869 inclusive. He was one of the founding fathers and was also the Secretary under the Dispensation.

The next Brother, also a founding father, was Thomas W. Bailey who was record keeper from 1870 to 1871 inclusive.

The third Brother selected was James E. Ingols who held the post for ten years from 1872 to 1881.

In 1882 came Past Master Alvah K. Clark who was to hold the post for twenty-six years, the longest term of any of our secretaries to date. He was Secretary until 1907. He was Master in 1878.

In 1908 Past Master Charles N. Walter took over the Secretary's Desk, presiding there until 1931, a period of twenty-four years, second longest term to date. He was Master in 1905.

Thomas I. Miller, Master in 1911, was the next officer who held the position from 1932 to 1936 inclusive.

Wilfred Roy Hill, Master in 1929, also noted as a distinguished poet, succeeded to the post of Secretary in 1937, holding it until his sudden death in 1945, a period of eight years.

The best known Secretary to the present day members of Oakland Lodge is Melvin Lorenzo Graves who was Master in 1936 and who succeeded Brother Hill in 1946, presiding from that date until the present time, a period of 22 years.

50-YEAR MEMBERS OF OAKLAND LODGE

Membership in Oakland Lodge appears to be an aid to longevity if we are to judge from the number of our members who have joined that exclusive group, the Fifty Year Club.

Thirty-five brethren of Oakland Lodge No. 188 are members of this most exclusive division of lodge membership. They are those brothers who have been members fifty or more years and are now proud possessors of the Fifty Year Gold Button awarded by the Grand Lodge of California for their lengthy membership in the Masonic fraternity. Living in the Centennial Year of Oakland Lodge are the following:

Aljets, John W.	10-31-14	Lindsten, Axel E.	12- 9-16
Archambault, Clifford S.	9-19-14	Mattis, George	4- 7-09
Ballinger, Wallace A.	11-30-12	McKinnie, Charles	6-12-09
Chamblin, Clyde L.	7-24-09	Marr, Fredrick B.	4-22-18
Christiansen, Roy	3-30-18	Michel, Adolph	9- 2-16
Cooper, Chauncey F.	2- 2-18	Mohr, Henry C.	11-26-04
Cowles, R. Roy, P.M.	2-17-17	Morrow, J. A. F.	5-29-15
Decker, Archie C.	4-26-17	Parry, William A.	6-28-13
Dewar, Frank M.	10-17-08	Petersen, Fred A.	7-30-07
Englehardt, Herman L.	11-18-11	Petray, Dr. Henry	8-18-17
Ferguson, Allen E.	2- 9-18	Petrocelli, George	11-10-12
Gulley, Melville E.	3- 9-16	Robins, John H.	11-24-06
Hermle, Lt. Gen. Leo D.	11-28-14	Samuels, Herbert, D.D.S.	11-17-02
Howard, Charles P.	4-22-11	Sckaackey, Louis J.	11-17-09
Jonas, Irving	4-27-07	Smith, Harold	7-17-18
Kahler, George W.	3-10-17	Snead, Albert C.	11-17-03
Land, Walter	4- 8-11	Thompson, W Charles	2-17-17
Lawrence, Harry M.	11-25-16	Villette, Valentine	2- 5-27
Lloyd, Franklin	10-28-16	(Affiliated)	

What To Tell a Candidate

Just what can you tell a candidate, or a prospective candidate, before initiation?

The question has exercised the minds of Freemasons for many, many years, it has led to many discussions in lodge and out; many feel that if the proposer knows his candidate properly, there is no need to tell him anything.

An answer to this question was printed in the "New Zealand Craftsman." It has much to recommend it, so it is reprinted here.

1. Freemasonry consists of a body of men banded together to preserve the secrets, customs and ceremonies handed down to them from time immemorial, and for the purpose of mutual social and moral improvement. They also endeavor to cultivate and exhibit brotherly love, relief and truth, not only to one another, but to the world at large.

2. Freemasonry offers no pecuniary advantages whatever, nor does there exist any obligation or implied understanding binding one Mason to deal with another nor to support him in any way in the ordinary business relations of life.

3. Freemasonry teaches us to remember our common origin; it also distinctly enjoins us to respect all social distinctions, so that while some must rule, others must obey and cheerfully accept their inferior positions.

4. Freemasonry has certain charities, but it is not in any sense a benefit society, nor is it based upon calculations which would render this possible. The charities are solely for those who, having been in good circumstances, have been overtaken by misfortune and adversity.

5. Freemasonry distinctly teaches that man's first duty is to himself, his wife, his family and his connections, and no one should join the Order, who cannot well afford to pay the initiation fees and subscription to his lodge, as well as to the Masonic charities, and this without detriment in

any way to his comfort or to that of those who have any claim upon his support.

6. Freemasonry recognizes no distinction of religious belief, as faith in a Supreme Being must be expressed before any can be initiated, and prayers to Him form a frequent part of the ritual.

7. Freemasonry therefore demands that everyone before offering himself as a candidate should be well assured in his own mind:

That he is willing to express a belief in a Supreme Being.

That he sincerely desires the intellectual and moral improvement of himself and his fellow creatures, and that he is willing to devote his time, his means, and his efforts in the promotion of brotherly love, relief and truth.

That he seeks no commercial or pecuniary advantages.



The modes of recognition are, of all the landmarks, the most legitimate and unquestioned. They admit no variation; and if they have suffered alteration or addition, the evil of such a violation of the ancient laws has always made itself subsequently manifest. The fact is that they can never be changed.

Line Officers of Oakland Lodge No. 188

FROM NOVEMBER 4, 1868 TO DECEMBER 31, 1968



... 1 8 6 8 ...

Nathan W. Spaulding Master
Joseph W. Hoag . . . Senior Warden
Enoch H. Pardee . . . Junior Warden
Francis Reichling Treasurer
Charles B. Rutherford . . . Secretary
Lysander Walker Chaplain
Lemuel G. Chapman . . Senior Deacon
J. W. Myrick Junior Deacon
Wm. J. Gurnett Marshal
Thomas H. Bailey Steward
Bishop F. Stillwell Steward
George R. Walker Tiler

... 1 8 7 0 ...

Joseph B. Scotchler Master
William J. Gurnett . . Senior Warden
Enoch H. Pardee . . . Junior Warden
Joseph Becht Treasurer
Thomas W. Bailey Secretary
John V. B. Goodrich . Senior Deacon
George Pierson . . . Junior Deacon
Fred M. Campbell Marshal
Perry Johnson Steward
E. S. Reinach Steward
J. S. G. Gordon Tiler

... 1 8 6 9 ...

Nathan W. Spaulding Master
Joseph B. Scotchler . . Senior Warden
Enoch H. Pardee . . . Junior Warden
Lemuel G. Chapman . . . Treasurer
Charles B. Rutherford . . . Secretary
Lysander Walker Chaplain
William H. Parkinson . Senior Deacon
Arthur W. Hawsett . . Junior Deacon
Francis Reichling Marshal
Bishop F. Stillwell Steward
James L. Wilson Steward
George R. Walker Tiler

... 1 8 7 1 ...

Enoch H. Pardee Master
William J. Gurnett . . Senior Warden
William S. Snook . . . Junior Warden
Myron T. Dusenbury . . . Treasurer
Thomas W. Bailey Secretary
D. W. Pratt Senior Deacon
James H. Wilson . . . Junior Deacon
John M. Miner Marshal
Foster B. Tarbett Steward
George Pierson Steward
William B. Ingersoll Tiler

... 1 8 7 2 ...

William Gurnett Master
 James H. Wilson Senior Warden
 Foster B. Tarbett Junior Warden
 John M. Miner Treasurer
 James E. Ingols Secretary
 J. J. Porter Senior Deacon
 Joseph P. Dieves Junior Deacon
 Thomas J. Murphy Marshal
 Jesse Walton Steward
 A. K. Kipps Steward
 William B. Ingersoll Tiler

... 1 8 7 5 ...

William A. Walter Master
 Jesse Healy Senior Warden
 John H. Kercheval Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford Treasurer
 James E. Ingols Secretary
 John E. Benton Chaplain
 Darwin Degolia Senior Deacon
 Nicholas B. Hoyt Junior Deacon
 Cassius C. Palmer Marshal
 Joseph Hollywood Steward
 Alfred S. Baker Steward
 Alanson Whelan Tiler

... 1 8 7 3 ...

Nathan W. Spaulding Master
 Calvin C. Knowles Senior Warden
 William Bartling Junior Warden
 John M. Miner Treasurer
 James E. Ingols Secretary
 Laurentine Hamilton Chaplain
 J. J. Porter Senior Deacon
 Ozro H. Burnham Junior Deacon
 Eugene A. Trefethen Marshal
 A. K. Kipps Steward
 Morris S. Campbell Steward
 William B. Ingersoll Tiler

... 1 8 7 6 ...

James J. Porter Master
 Jesse Walton Senior Warden
 Nicholas B. Hoyt Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford Treasurer
 James E. Ingols Secretary
 John E. Benton Chaplain
 Cassius C. Palmer Senior Deacon
 David Shakespear Junior Deacon
 Alfred S. Baker Marshal
 Charles D. Hayes Steward
 Alvah K. Clark Steward
 Alanson Whelan Tiler

... 1 8 7 4 ...

James Dods Master
 J. J. Porter Senior Warden
 Jesse Healy Junior Warden
 Charles T. Rutherford Treasurer
 James E. Ingols Secretary
 James Walton Senior Deacon
 Cassius C. Palmer Junior Deacon
 Horace D. Ranlett Marshal
 Joseph Hollywood Steward
 John H. Kercheval Steward
 Alanson Whelan Tiler

... 1 8 7 7 ...

Jesse Walton Master
 Nicholas B. Hoyt Senior Warden
 Joseph F. O'Beirne Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford Treasurer
 James E. Ingols Secretary
 Laurentine Hamilton Chaplain
 Alvah H. Clark Senior Deacon
 Alfred S. Baker Junior Deacon
 William A. Walter Marshal
 Joseph Black Steward
 Edward Child Steward
 James Dods, P.M. Tiler

... 1878 ...

Alvah H. Clark Master
 Joseph F. O'Breine . . . Senior Warden
 George H. Whitney . . . Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford . . . Treasurer
 James E. Ingols Secretary
 Laurentine Hamilton Chaplain
 Charles E. Hayes Senior Deacon
 Joseph Black Junior Deacon
 Edward Child Marshal
 Alex Laidlaw Steward
 Thomas McWattie Steward
 Alfred S. Baker Tiler

... 1879 ...

Nathan W. Spaulding Master
 George E. Whitney . . . Senior Warden
 Charles D. Hayes . . . Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford . . . Treasurer
 James E. Ingols Secretary
 David McClure Chaplain
 Danied W. Pratt Senior Deacon
 Joseph Black Junior Deacon
 Edward Child Marshal
 Alonzo Bradford Steward
 Harmon S. Greenman Steward
 Alfred S. Baker Tiler

... 1880 ...

Nathan W. Spaulding Master
 George E. Whitney . . . Senior Warden
 John E. Benton . . . Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford . . . Treasurer
 James E. Ingols Secretary
 David McClure Chaplain
 Jesse Walton Senior Deacon
 Joseph Black Junior Deacon
 Edward Child Marshal
 Alonzo S. Bradford Steward
 Harmon Greenman Steward
 Alfred S. Baker Tiler

... 1881 ...

Nathan W. Spaulding Master
 Nathan B. Hoyt Senior Warden
 James J. O'Keefe Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford Treasurer
 James E. Ingols Secretary
 David McClure Chaplain
 Jesse Walton Senior Deacon
 Joseph Black Junior Deacon
 Edward Child Marshal
 Alonzo S. Bradford Steward
 Harmon Greenman Steward
 William B. Ingersoll Organist
 Alfred S. Baker Tiler

... 1882 ...

George E. Whitney Master
 Thomas J. O'Keefe . . . Senior Warden
 Webb N. Pearce . . . Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford . . . Treasurer
 Alvah H. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 John E. Benton Chaplain
 Gilbert S. Keys Senior Deacon
 Hugh Frazier Junior Deacon
 John H. Kercheval Marshal
 Moses Eadon Steward
 Robert W. Miller Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Charles E. Gillett Tiler

... 1883 ...

Nathan B. Hoyt Master
 Thomas J. O'Keefe . . . Senior Warden
 Gilbert S. Keyes . . . Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford . . . Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 John E. Benton Chaplain
 William B. Ingersoll . . . Senior Deacon
 Hugh Frazier Junior Deacon
 Edward Child Marshal
 Alonzo S. Bradford Steward
 Fred L. Button Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Charles E. Gillett Tiler

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Thomas J. O'Keefe Master
 Gilbert S. Keyes Senior Warden
 Edward Child Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. Secretary
 John E. Benton Chaplain
 Fred L. Button Senior Deacon
 William H. Eadon Junior Deacon
 John H. Kercheval Marshal
 Howell A. Powell Steward
 Edward H. Morgan Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Alonzo S. Bradford Tiler

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Howell A. Powell Master
 Fred L. Button Senior Warden
 Edward H. Morgan Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. Secretary
 William Bartling Chaplain
 Douglas T. Fowler Senior Deacon
 Henry S. Bartlett Junior Deacon
 Edward F. Delger Marshal
 Newton A. Koser Steward
 George C. Pardee Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Charles E. Gillett Tiler

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Gilbert S. Keys Master
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 John Kercheval Steward
 Newton A. Koser Steward
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Fred L. Button Master
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 Douglas T. Fowler Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. Secretary
 William G. Betts Chaplain
 George C. Pardee Senior Deacon
 Taliesen Evans Junior Deacon
 Edward F. Delger Marshal
 Ernest M. Ferguson Steward
 Arthur H. Breed Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Charles E. Gillett Tiler

... 1890 ...

Edward H. Morgan Master
 Douglas T. Fowler . . . Senior Warden
 George C. Pardee . . . Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford . . . Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Joseph H. Wythe Chaplain
 Ernest M. Ferguson . . . Senior Deacon
 Arthur H. Breed . . . Junior Deacon
 William H. Craig Marshal
 Edward M. Patterson . . . Steward
 Charles F. Ott Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Charles E. Gillett Tiler

... 1891 ...

George C. Pardee Master
 John H. Kercheval . . . Senior Warden
 Ernest M. Ferguson . . . Junior Warden
 Charles B. Rutherford . . . Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 George W. Horton Chaplain
 William H. Craig . . . Senior Deacon
 Charles F. Ott Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford . . . Marshal
 Alonzo R. Guppy Steward
 Charles L. Hewes Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Charles E. Gillett Tiler

... 1892 ...

John H. Kercheval Master
 William F. Pierce . . . Senior Warden
 George Patterson . . . Junior Warden
 Zachary T. Gilpin . . . Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 George W. Horton Chaplain
 Charles F. Ott Senior Deacon
 Thomas I. Miller . . . Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford . . . Marshal
 Ernest J. Osgood Steward
 John C. Dunne Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Charles E. Gillett Tiler

... 1893 ...

William F. Pierce Master
 George Patterson . . . Senior Warden
 Charles F. Ott Junior Warden
 Zachary T. Gilpin Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William B. Ingersoll . . . Chaplain
 Gilbert B. Daniels . . . Senior Deacon
 William T. Hamilton . . . Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford . . . Marshal
 Marquis De L. Hadley . . . Steward
 John W. Eber Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Charles E. Gillett Tiler

... 1894 ...

George Patterson Master
 Charles F. Ott Senior Warden
 Gilbert B. Daniels . . . Junior Warden
 Zachary T. Gilpin Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William B. Ingersoll . . . Chaplain
 Marquis De L. Hadley . . . Senior Deacon
 George T. Burtchaell . . . Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford . . . Marshal
 Edward Pierce Steward
 William T. Hamilton . . . Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Charles E. Gillett Tiler

... 1895 ...

Charles F. Ott Master
 Gilbert B. Daniels . . . Senior Warden
 Zachary T. Gilpin . . . Junior Warden
 Damien E. Fortin Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William B. Ingersoll . . . Chaplain
 George H. Smith Senior Deacon
 John C. Dunne Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford . . . Marshal
 Theodore F. Mock Steward
 Charles N. Walker Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Charles E. Gillett Tiler

... 1896 ...

Gilbert B. Daniels Master
 Zachary T. Gilpin . . . Senior Warden
 George H. Smith . . . Junior Warden
 Damien E. Fortin Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William B. Ingersoll Chaplain
 John C. Dunne Senior Deacon
 Theodore F. Mock . . . Junior Deacon
 David Standeford Marshal
 Charles N. Walter Steward
 James J. Mayon Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Jef. E. Terp Tiler

... 1899 ...

George H. Smith Master
 Theodore F. Mock . . . Senior Warden
 John A. Britton . . . Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Rhys R. Lloyd Chaplain
 Seymour W. Condon . . . Senior Deacon
 Albert L. Black . . . Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford . . . Marshal
 Samuel J. Taylor Steward
 Willard F. Williamson . . . Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 William B. Ingersoll Tiler

... 1897 ...

Zachary T. Gilpin Master
 George H. Smith . . . Senior Warden
 John C. Dunne . . . Junior Warden
 Damien E. Fortin Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William B. Ingersoll Chaplain
 Theodore F. Mock . . . Senior Deacon
 Charles N. Walter . . . Junior Deacon
 David Standeford Marshal
 Edward Pierce Steward
 John A. Britton Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Jef. E. Terp Tiler

... 1900 ...

Theodore F. Mock Master
 John A. Britton . . . Senior Warden
 Samuel J. Taylor . . . Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Rhys R. Lloyd Chaplain
 Albert L. Black Senior Deacon
 Willard F. Williamson . . . Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford . . . Marshal
 Hayward G. Thomas . . . Steward
 Robert B. Gaylord . . . Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 William B. Ingersoll Tiler

... 1898 ...

George H. Smith Master
 John C. Dunne . . . Senior Warden
 Theodore F. Mock . . . Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William H. Craig Chaplain
 John A. Britton . . . Senior Deacon
 Charles N. Walter . . . Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford . . . Marshal
 Albert L. Black Steward
 Andrew D. Smith Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Dinnes H. Matthiesen Tiler

... 1901 ...

John A. Britton Master
 Samuel J. Taylor . . . Senior Warden
 Albert L. Black . . . Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Andrew D. Smith Chaplain
 Willard F. Williamson . . . Senior Deacon
 Robert B. Gaylord . . . Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford . . . Marshal
 Fred D. Voorhees Steward
 James J. Gallagher . . . Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 William B. Ingersoll Tiler

... 1902 ...

Samuel J. Taylor Master
 Albert L. Black Senior Warden
 Willard F. Williamson Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. Secretary
 William H. Craig Chaplain
 Charles N. Walter Senior Deacon
 Robert B. Gaylord Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford Marshal
 James J. Gallagher Steward
 Henry G. McGrew Steward
 William Walker Organist
 William B. Ingersoll Tiler

... 1903 ...

Albert L. Black Master
 Willard F. Williamson Senior Warden
 Charles N. Walter Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. Secretary
 Thomas I. Miller Chaplain
 Robert B. Gaylord Senior Deacon
 Charles E. Keyes Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford Marshal
 Frank E. Fitzpatrick Steward
 Clifton E. Sause Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 William B. Ingersoll Tiler

... 1904 ...

Willard F. Williamson Master
 Charles N. Walter Senior Warden
 Robert B. Gaylord Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. Secretary
 William H. Craig Chaplain
 Charles E. Keyes Senior Deacon
 Clifton A. Sause Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford Marshal
 James H. MacLafferty Steward
 William I. MacDonald Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 William B. Ingersoll Tiler

... 1905 ...

Charles N. Walter Master
 Robert B. Gaylord Senior Warden
 Charles E. Keyes Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. Secretary
 Robert L. Hill Chaplain
 Clifton A. Sause Senior Deacon
 James H. MacLafferty Junior Deacon
 David W. Standeford Marshal
 William I. MacDonald Steward
 William S. MacMurtry Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Hall B. Rand Tiler

... 1906 ...

Robert B. Gaylord Master
 Charles E. Keyes Senior Warden
 James H. MacLafferty Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. Secretary
 William D. Smith Chaplain
 David W. Standeford Marshal
 William I. MacDonald Senior Deacon
 William S. McMurtry Junior Deacon
 Thomas I. Miller Steward
 Harry Benner Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Hall B. Rand Tiler

... 1907 ...

Charles E. Keyes Master
 James H. MacLafferty Senior Warden
 William I. MacDonald Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Alvah K. Clark, P.M. Secretary
 William D. Smith Chaplain
 Talisien Evans Marshal
 William S. McMurtry Senior Deacon
 Thomas I. Miller Junior Deacon
 Harry Benner Steward
 George E. Perkins Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Hall B. Rand Tiler

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James H. MacLafferty Master
 William I. MacDonald . . . Senior Warden
 William S. MacMurtry . . . Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William D. Smith Chaplain
 Robert V. Dixon Marshal
 Thomas I. Miller . . . Senior Deacon
 Harry Benner Junior Deacon
 George E. Perkins Steward
 Harry T. Moore Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

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William I. MacDonald Master
 William S. MacMurtry . . . Senior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller . . . Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William D. Smith Chaplain
 Francis A. Braun Marshal
 Harry Benner Senior Deacon
 George E. Perkins . . . Junior Deacon
 Harry T. Moore Senior Steward
 Daniel W. Pratt . . . Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

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William S. MacMurtry Master
 Thomas I. Miller . . . Senior Warden
 Harry Benner Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William D. Smith Chaplain
 Francis A. Braun Marshal
 George E. Perkins . . . Senior Deacon
 Harry T. Moore . . . Junior Deacon
 Daniel W. Pratt . . . Senior Steward
 Charles F. Gilchrist . . . Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

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Thomas I. Miller Master
 Harry Benner Senior Warden
 George E. Perkins . . . Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Alvin Powell Chaplain
 Francis A. Braun Marshal
 Harry T. Moore Senior Deacon
 Daniel W. Pratt . . . Junior Deacon
 Charles F. Gilchrist . . . Senior Steward
 John S. Corey Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

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Harry Benner Master
 George E. Perkins . . . Senior Warden
 Harry T. Moore . . . Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Francis A. Braun Marshal
 Daniel W. Pratt . . . Senior Deacon
 Charles F. Gilchrist . . . Junior Deacon
 Howard N. Mosher . . . Senior Steward
 John R. Sutton . . . Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

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George E. Perkins Master
 Harry T. Moore . . . Senior Warden
 Daniel W. Pratt . . . Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Francis A. Braun Marshal
 Charles F. Gilchrist . . . Senior Deacon
 Howard N. Mosher . . . Junior Deacon
 John R. Sutton . . . Senior Steward
 Don F. Harris Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1914 ...

Harry T. Moore Master
 Daniel W. Pratt Senior Warden
 Howard N. Mosher Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 Francis A. Braun Marshal
 John R. Sutton Senior Deacon
 Don F. Harris Junior Deacon
 Arno G. Folte Senior Steward
 William C. Luckhardt Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1915 ...

Daniel W. Pratt Master
 Howard N. Mosher Senior Warden
 John R. Sutton Junior Warden
 Edwin N. Walter Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 Francis A. Braun Marshal
 Don F. Harris Senior Deacon
 Arno G. Folte Junior Deacon
 William C. Luckhardt Senior Steward
 Charles Quayle Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1916 ...

Howard N. Mosher Master
 John R. Sutton Senior Warden
 Don F. Harris Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 Francis A. Braun Marshal
 William C. Luckhardt Senior Deacon
 Charles Quayle Junior Deacon
 George E. Madison Senior Steward
 Sophus Nelson Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1917 ...

John R. Sutton Master
 Don F. Harris Senior Warden
 Charles Quayle Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 Francis A. Braun Marshal
 George E. Madison Senior Deacon
 Sophus Nelson Junior Deacon
 Robert M. Ford Senior Steward
 John A. Britton, Jr. Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1918 ...

Don F. Harris Master
 Charles Quayle Senior Warden
 George E. Madison Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 Francis A. Braun Marshal
 Sophus Nelson Senior Deacon
 John A. Britton, Jr. Junior Deacon
 William F. Ewing Senior Steward
 Russell R. Cowles Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1919 ...

Charles Quayle Master
 George E. Madison Senior Warden
 Sophus Nelson Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 John S. Blackledge Marshal
 Francis A. Braun Senior Deacon
 William F. Ewing Junior Deacon
 Russell R. Cowles Senior Steward
 Sidney F. Sea Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1920 ...

George E. Madison Master
 Sophus Nelson Senior Warden
 Francis A. Braun Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 Robert M. Ford Senior Deacon
 Russell R. Cowles Junior Deacon
 Sidney F. Sea Senior Steward
 William N. Munroe Junior Steward
 John S. Blackledge Marshal
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1921 ...

Sophus Nelson Master
 Francis A. Braun Senior Warden
 Robert M. Ford Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 Russell R. Cowles Senior Deacon
 Sidney F. Sea Junior Deacon
 William N. Munroe Senior Steward
 Harold H. Meredith Junior Steward
 John S. Blackledge Marshal
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1922 ...

Francis A. Braun Master
 Robert M. Ford Senior Warden
 Russell R. Cowles Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 Sidney F. Sea Senior Deacon
 William N. Munroe Junior Deacon
 Harold H. Meredith Senior Steward
 William M. Huffman Junior Steward
 Charles Quayle, P.M. Marshal
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1923 ...

Robert M. Ford Master
 Russell R. Cowles Senior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 William N. Munroe Senior Deacon
 Harold H. Meredith Junior Deacon
 William M. Huffman Senior Steward
 Wilfred R. Hill Junior Steward
 Samuel J. Taylor, P.M. Marshal
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1924 ...

Russell R. Cowles Master
 Sidney F. Sea Senior Warden
 William N. Munroe Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 Samuel J. Taylor, P.M. Marshal
 Harold H. Meredith Senior Deacon
 William M. Huffman Junior Deacon
 Wilfred R. Hill Senior Steward
 George C. Perkins Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1925 ...

Sidney F. Sea Master
 William N. Munroe Senior Warden
 Harold H. Meredith Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 Samuel J. Taylor, P.M. Marshal
 William M. Huffman Senior Deacon
 Wilfred Roy Hill Junior Deacon
 George C. Perkins Senior Steward
 Arnt C. Heidekker Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1926 ...

William N. Munroe Master
 Harold H. Meredith . . Senior Warden
 William M. Huffman . . Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. . . Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . Chaplain
 Samuel J. Taylor, P.M. . . Marshal
 Wilfred Roy Hill . . . Senior Deacon
 George C. Perkins . . . Junior Deacon
 Arnt C. Heidekker . . . Senior Steward
 Charles C. De Wolf . . . Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1927 ...

Harold H. Meredith Master
 William M. Huffman . . Senior Warden
 Wilfred R. Hill . . . Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. . . Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . Chaplain
 Sophus Nelson, P.M. . . . Marshal
 George C. Perkins . . . Senior Deacon
 Arnt C. Heidekker . . . Junior Deacon
 Charles C. De Wolf . . . Senior Steward
 Ralph A. Kurtz . . . Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 Thaddeus R. Joy Tiler

... 1928 ...

William M. Huffman Master
 Wilfred R. Hill . . . Senior Warden
 George C. Perkins . . . Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. . . Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . Chaplain
 Sophus Nelson, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Arnt C. Heidekker . . . Senior Deacon
 Charles C. DeWolf . . . Junior Deacon
 Ralph A. Kurtz . . . Senior Steward
 Clyde L. Chamblin . . . Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1929 ...

Wilfred R. Hill Master
 George C. Perkins . . . Senior Warden
 Arnt C. Heidekker . . . Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. . . Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . Chaplain
 Sophus Nelson, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Charles C. De Wolf . . . Senior Deacon
 Ralph A. Kurtz . . . Junior Deacon
 Clyde L. Chamblin . . . Senior Steward
 Peter J. Kearley . . . Junior Steward
 Wilber Walker Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1930 ...

George C. Perkins Master
 Arnt C. Heidekker . . . Senior Warden
 Charles C. De Wolf . . . Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. . . Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, PM. . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . Chaplain
 Sophus Nelson, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Ralph A. Kurtz . . . Senior Deacon
 Clyde L. Chamblin . . . Junior Deacon
 Peter J. Kearley . . . Senior Steward
 James N. Mosher . . . Junior Steward
 Theodore J. Irwin . . . Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1931 ...

Arnt C. Heidekker Master
 Charles C. De Wolf . . . Senior Warden
 Ralph A. Kurtz . . . Junior Warden
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. . . Treasurer
 Charles N. Walter, P.M. . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . Chaplain
 Sophus, Nelson, P.M. . . . Marshal
 James N. Mosher . . . Senior Deacon
 Herbert J. Thornbury . . Junior Deacon
 Milton Hendrickson . . . Senior Steward
 Melvin L. Graves . . . Junior Steward
 Theodore J. Irwin . . . Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

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Charles C. De Wolf Master
 Ralph A. Kurtz Senior Warden
 James N. Mosher Junior Warden
 Francis A. Braun, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Sophus Nelson, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Herbert J. Thornbury . . Senior Deacon
 Milton Hendrickson . . Junior Deacon
 Melvin L. Graves . . . Senior Steward
 Leslie W. Irving . . . Junior Steward
 Theodore J. Irwin Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

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Ralph A. Kurtz Master
 James N. Mosher Senior Warden
 Herbert J. Thornbury . . Junior Warden
 Francis A. Braun, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Sophus Nelson, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Milton Hendrickson . . Senior Deacon
 Melvin L. Graves . . . Junior Deacon
 Frank A. West Senior Steward
 Robert B. Gaylord, Jr. . . Junior Steward
 Theodore J. Irwin Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

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Herbert J. Thornbury Master
 Milton Hendrickson . . Senior Warden
 Milton L. Graves . . . Junior Warden
 Charles Quayle, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Sophus Nelson, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Frank A. West Senior Deacon
 Robert B. Gaylord, Jr. . . Junior Deacon
 William H. Owens . . . Senior Steward
 Willard H. Nutting . . Junior Steward
 Theodore J. Irwin Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

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Milton Hendrickson Master
 Melvin L. Graves . . . Senior Warden
 Frank A. West Junior Warden
 Charles Quayle, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Sophus Nelson, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Robert B. Gaylord, Jr. . . Senior Deacon
 William H. Owens . . . Junior Deacon
 Willard H. Nutting . . Senior Steward
 Owen H. Robertson . . Junior Steward
 Theodore J. Irwin Organist
 John S. Parson Tiler

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Melvin L. Graves Master
 Frank A. West Senior Warden
 Robert B. Gaylord, Jr. . . Junior Warden
 Charles Quayle, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Thomas I. Miller, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Sophus Nelson, P.M. . . . Marshal
 William H. Owens . . . Senior Deacon
 Willard H. Nutting . . Junior Deacon
 Owen H. Robertson . . Senior Steward
 John A. Stohr Junior Steward
 Walter R. Hadlock Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

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Frank A. West Master
 Robert B. Gaylord, Jr. . . Senior Warden
 William H. Owens . . . Junior Warden
 Charles Quayle, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Wilfred R. Hill, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Ralph A. Kurtz, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Willard H. Nutting . . Senior Deacon
 Owen H. Robertson . . Junior Deacon
 John Alden Stohr . . . Senior Steward
 William J. Kitto . . . Junior Steward
 Charles T. Besserer . . . Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1938 ...

Robert B. Gaylord, Jr. Master
 William H. Owens . . . Senior Warden
 Willard H. Nutting . . . Junior Warden
 Charles Quayle, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Wilfred R. Hill, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Ralph A. Kurtz, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Owen H. Robertson . . . Senior Deacon
 John A. Stohr Junior Deacon
 William J. Kitto . . . Senior Steward
 John G. Evans Junior Steward
 Charles T. Besserer Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1941 ...

Owen H. Robertson Master
 John A. Stohr Senior Warden
 William J. Kitto Junior Warden
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Wilfred R. Hill, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Arnt C. Heidekker, P.M. . . . Marshal
 John G. Evans Senior Deacon
 William Horgan Junior Deacon
 Victor Davidson Senior Steward
 Irid Wayne Collins Junior Steward
 Charles T. Besserer Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1939 ...

William H. Owens Master
 Willard H. Nutting . . . Senior Warden
 Owen H. Robertson . . . Junior Warden
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Wilfred R. Hill, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Ralph A. Kurtz, P.M. . . . Marshal
 John A. Stohr Senior Deacon
 William J. Kitto Junior Deacon
 John G. Evans Senior Steward
 William E. Gray Junior Steward
 Charles T. Besserer Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1942 ...

John A. Stohr Master
 William J. Kitto Senior Warden
 John G. Evans Junior Warden
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Wilfred R. Hill, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Frank A. West, P.M. . . . Marshal
 William Horgan Senior Deacon
 Victor Davidson Junior Deacon
 Irid Wayne Collins Senior Steward
 George J. Norton Junior Steward
 Charles T. Besserer Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1940 ...

Willard H. Nutting Master
 Owen H. Robertson . . . Senior Warden
 John A. Stohr Junior Warden
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Wilfred R. Hill, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Arnt C. Heidekker, P.M. . . . Marshal
 William J. Kitto Senior Deacon
 John G. Evans Junior Deacon
 William Horgan Senior Steward
 Victor Davidson Junior Steward
 Charles T. Besserer Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1943 ...

William J. Kitto Master
 John G. Evans Senior Warden
 William Horgan Junior Warden
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Wilfred R. Hill, P.M. . . . Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. . . Chaplain
 Frank A. West, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Victor Davidson Senior Deacon
 Irid Wayne Collins Junior Deacon
 George J. Norton Senior Steward
 Stuart Hedlund Junior Steward
 Charles T. Besserer Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1944 ...

John G. Evans Master
 William Horgan Senior Warden
 Victor Davidson Junior Warden
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. Treasurer
 Wilfred R. Hill, P.M. Secretary
 William S. MacMurtry, P.M. Chaplain
 Frank A. West, P.M. Marshal
 Irid Wayne Collins Senior Deacon
 George J. Norton Junior Deacon
 Stuart Hedlund Senior Steward
 Rue W. Sims Junior Steward
 Charles T. Besserer Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1945 ...

William Horgan Master
 Victor Davidson Senior Warden
 Irid Wayne Collins Junior Warden
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. Treasurer
 Wilfred R. Hill, P.M. Secretary
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. Chaplain
 William J. Kitto, P.M. Marshal
 George J. Norton Senior Deacon
 Stuart Hedlund Junior Deacon
 Rue W. Sims Senior Steward
 Joseph W. Frates Junior Steward
 Charles T. Besserer Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1946 ...

Victor Davidson Master
 Irid Wayne Collins Senior Warden
 George J. Norton Junior Warden
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. Treasurer
 Wilfred R. Hill, P.M. Secretary
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. Chaplain
 William J. Kitto, P.M. Marshal
 Stuart Hedlund Senior Deacon
 Rue W. Sims Junior Deacon
 Joseph W. Frates Senior Steward
 John C. Taylor Junior Steward
 Charles T. Besserer Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1947 ...

Irid Wayne Collins Master
 George J. Norton Senior Warden
 Stuart Hedlund Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. Secretary
 William J. Kitto, P.M. Marshal
 John G. Evans, P.M. Chaplain
 Rue W. Sims Senior Deacon
 Joseph W. Frates Junior Deacon
 John C. Taylor Senior Steward
 Elmer F. Elsen Junior Steward
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1948 ...

George J. Norton Master
 Stuart Hedlund Senior Warden
 Rue W. Sims Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. Secretary
 John G. Evans, P.M. Chaplain
 William Kitto, P.M. Marshal
 Joseph W. Frates Senior Deacon
 John C. Taylor Junior Deacon
 Will A. Allen Senior Steward
 James K. Wilson Junior Steward
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1949 ...

Stuart Hedlund Master
 Rue W. Sims Senior Warden
 Joseph W. Frates Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. Secretary
 John G. Evans, P.M. Chaplain
 William Kitto, P.M. Marshal
 John C. Taylor Senior Deacon
 Will A. Allen Junior Deacon
 James K. Wilson Senior Steward
 Elmer F. Elsen Junior Steward
 Charles T. Besserer Organist
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1950 ...

Rue W. Sims Master
 John C. Taylor . . . Senior Warden
 Will A. Allen . . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 John G. Evans, P.M. . . . Chaplain
 William J. Kitto, P.M. . . . Marshal
 James K. Wilson . . . Senior Deacon
 Elmer F. Elsen . . . Junior Deacon
 Burton Griswold . . . Senior Steward
 Artie M. Clark . . . Junior Steward
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1953 ...

James K. Wilson Master
 Elmer F. Elsen . . . Senior Warden
 Burton R. Griswold . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 John G. Evans, P.M. . . . Chaplain
 Andrew G. Graham Marshal
 Artie M. Clark . . . Senior Deacon
 Willard H. Agers . . . Junior Deacon
 William Nutting, Jr. . . Senior Steward
 Lester H. Landre . . . Junior Steward
 Edward D. Morris Organist
 John R. Kelday Tiler

... 1951 ...

John C. Taylor Master
 Will A. Allen . . . Senior Warden
 James K. Wilson . . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 John G. Evans, P.M. . . . Chaplain
 Will R. Keyes Marshal
 Elmer F. Elsen . . . Senior Deacon
 Burton L. Griswold . . Junior Deacon
 Artie M. Clark . . . Senior Steward
 William H. Agers . . . Junior Steward
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1954 ...

Elmer F. Elsen Master
 Burton R. Griswold . . Senior Warden
 Artie M. Clark . . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Albert E. Rogers Chaplain
 Robert M. Corson Marshal
 William H. Agers . . . Senior Deacon
 Willard Nutting, Jr. . Junior Deacon
 Lester H. Landre . . . Senior Steward
 Floyd H. Vincent . . . Junior Steward
 Edward D. Morris Organist
 John R. Kelday Tiler

... 1952 ...

Will A. Allen Master
 James K. Wilson . . . Senior Warden
 Elmer F. Elsen . . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 John G. Evans, P.M. . . . Chaplain
 William R. Stunnard . . . Marshal
 Burton Griswold . . . Senior Deacon
 Artie M. Clark . . . Junior Deacon
 William H. Agers . . . Senior Steward
 Willard Nutting, Jr. . Junior Steward
 John S. Parsons Tiler

... 1955 ...

Burton R. Griswold Master
 Artie M. Clark . . . Senior Warden
 William H. Agers . . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Albert E. Rogers Chaplain
 Wade M. Darby Marshal
 Lester H. Landre . . . Senior Deacon
 Floyd H. Vincent . . . Junior Deacon
 Albert H. Knight . . . Senior Steward
 Paul B. Ross Junior Steward
 John R. Kelday Tiler

... 1956 ...

Artie M. Clark Master
 William H. Agers . . . Senior Warden
 Lester H. Landre . . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Albert Rogers Chaplain
 Floyd H. Vincent . . . Senior Deacon
 Willard Nutting, Jr. . . Junior Deacon
 Paul B. Ross Senior Steward
 Harte Robertson . . . Junior Steward
 John R. Kelday Tiler

... 1957 ...

William H. Agers Master
 Lester H. Landre . . . Senior Warden
 Floyd H. Vincent . . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Albert E. Rogers Chaplain
 Charles E. Miller Marshal
 Willard Nutting, Jr. . . Senior Deacon
 Paul B. Ross Junior Deacon
 Harte E. Robertson . . . Senior Steward
 Neil S. Harmon Junior Steward
 Frank Pilling Organist
 John R. Kelday Tiler

... 1958 ...

Lester H. Landre Master
 Floyd H. Vincent . . . Senior Warden
 Willard Nutting, Jr. . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Albert E. Rogers Chaplain
 James W. Clasby Marshal
 Harte E. Robertson . . . Senior Deacon
 Neil S. Harmon Junior Deacon
 Robert L. Hill Senior Steward
 Victor D. Arnold . . . Junior Steward
 Frank Pilling Organist
 John R. Kelday Tiler

... 1959 ...

Floyd H. Vincent Master
 Willard Nutting, Jr. . . Senior Warden
 Harte E. Robertson . . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Albert E. Rogers Chaplain
 L. Price Boyles Marshal
 Neil S. Harmon Senior Deacon
 Robert L. Hill Junior Deacon
 Victor D. Arnold . . . Senior Steward
 Soren S. Loft Junior Steward
 Frank Pilling Organist
 John R. Kelday Tiler

... 1960 ...

Willard Nutting, Jr. Master
 Harte E. Robertson . . . Senior Warden
 Neil S. Harmon Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Lester Landre, P.M. . . . Chaplain
 L. Price Boyles Marshal
 Robert L. Hill Senior Deacon
 Victor D. Arnold . . . Junior Deacon
 William Geha Senior Steward
 Andrew Graham Junior Steward
 Frank Pilling Organist
 Albert E. Rogers Tiler

... 1961 ...

Harte E. Robertson Master
 Neil S. Harmon Senior Warden
 Robert L. Hill Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Lester H. Landre, P.M. . . . Chaplain
 L. Price Boyles Marshal
 Victor D. Arnold . . . Senior Deacon
 William Geha Junior Deacon
 Andrew G. Graham . . . Senior Steward
 Jay T. Hill Junior Steward
 Frank Pilling Organist
 Albert E. Rogers Tiler

... 1962 ...

Neil S. Harmon Master
 Victor D. Arnold . . . Senior Warden
 William Geha . . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Lester R. Nourse Chaplain
 Lester H. Landre, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Andrew G. Graham . . . Senior Deacon
 Jay T. Hill Junior Deacon
 L. Price Boyles Senior Steward
 John G. Anderson, Jr. . . Junior Steward
 Frank Pilling Organist
 Albert E. Rogers Tiler

... 1965 ...

Andrew G. Graham Master
 Jay T. Hill Senior Warden
 L. Price Boyles Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 George D. Atkinson Chaplain
 Joseph Weldon Marshal
 John G. Anderson . . . Senior Deacon
 George W. Ruuth . . . Junior Deacon
 James C. Clark Senior Steward
 Charles S. Earnshaw . . . Junior Steward
 Walter R. Hadlock Organist
 Albert E. Rogers Tiler

... 1963 ...

Victor D. Arnold Master
 William Geha Senior Warden
 Andrew G. Graham . . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Joseph E. Gardner Chaplain
 Lester H. Landre, P.M. . . . Marshal
 Jay T. Hill Senior Deacon
 L. Price Boyles Junior Deacon
 John G. Anderson . . . Senior Steward
 George W. Ruuth . . . Junior Steward
 Frank Pilling Organist
 Albert E. Rogers Tiler

... 1966 ...

Jay T. Hill Master
 L. Price Boyles Senior Warden
 George W. Ruuth . . . Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Joseph E. Gardner Chaplain
 Ted R. Fairclough Marshal
 James C. Clark Senior Deacon
 William C. Herbert . . . Junior Deacon
 Joseph Weldon Senior Steward
 Keith M. Abshire . . . Junior Steward
 Walter Hadlock Organist
 Albert E. Rogers Tiler

... 1964 ...

William Geha Master
 Andrew G. Graham . . . Senior Warden
 Jay T. Hill Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Lester R. Nourse Chaplain
 Lester H. Landre, P.M. . . . Marshal
 L. Price Boyles Senior Deacon
 John G. Anderson . . . Junior Deacon
 George W. Ruuth . . . Senior Steward
 James C. Clark Junior Steward
 Walter Hadlock Organist
 Albert E. Rogers Tiler

... 1967 ...

L. Price Boyles Master
 George W. Ruuth . . . Senior Warden
 James C. Clark Junior Warden
 Sidney F. Sea, P.M. . . . Treasurer
 Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . . . Secretary
 Lester H. Landre, P.M. . . . Chaplain
 Earl J. Walker Marshal
 William C. Herbert . . . Senior Deacon
 Joseph Weldon Junior Deacon
 Keith M. Abshire . . . Senior Steward
 Lowell R. Simmons . . . Junior Steward
 Walter L. Hadlock Organist
 Albert E. Rogers Tiler

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George W. Ruuth	Master
William C. Herbert . .	Senior Warden
Joseph Weldon . . .	Junior Warden
Jay T. Hill, P.M. . . .	Treasurer
Melvin L. Graves, P.M. . .	Secretary
Victor D. Arnold, P.M. . .	Secretary
Lester R. Nourse	Chaplain
Theodore R. Fairclough. . .	Marshal
Keith M. Abshire . .	Senior Deacon
Lowell R. Simmons . .	Junior Deacon
Earl J. Walker . . .	Senior Steward
Robert D. Barbee . .	Junior Steward
Walter L. Hadlock	Organist
Albert E. Rogers	Tiler



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Adams, Richard S., Jr.
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Affleck, Iral R.
Agers, William H. (L) P.M.
Alexander, William E.
Alfier, Gus J.
Alfier, Milton J.
Aljets, John W. (L)
Alldridge, Thomas S., Jr.
Alvers, Lawrence H.
Anderson, John G.
Anderson, Kenneth M.
Andrews, John D., D.D.S.
Andrews, Rutherford
Angel, George S. (L)
Archambault, Clifford S. (L)
Areia, Bertil W.
Armstrong, Thomas M.
Armstrong, Thomas F. (L)
Arnold, Martin O. (L)
Arnold, Victor D. (L) P.M.
Arnold, William E. (L)
Asquith, John D.
Atkins, Harold S. (L)
Atkinson, George D.
Austin, Russell W.

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Bachelor, Charles R.
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Bailey, Robert C.
Balke, George E.
Ballinger, Wallace A. (L)
Bannister, Robert A.
Barbee, Robert D.
Barkley, Leon M. (L)
Bartolo, James V.
Baumbach, Edward J.
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Bechtel, Kenneth K.
Bechtel, Stephen D. (L)

Beck, Ralph R.
Beecher, William J.
Belling, Alfred E.
Bemis, Fred L.
Berlund, Axel W. (L)
Beynon, Benjamin W.
Bezaitis, George A. (L)
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Bigley, Edward J.
Bolas, Peter J.
Bolt, Edwin W.
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Bonham, Cyril L.
Booth, Nathaniel H. (L)
Booth, Wilfred L. (L)
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Breedlove, Arnold D.
Breedlove, Carmel D.
Breedlove, Conrad L.
Brent, Fredrick A.
Briggs, James W.
Britting, Forest E.
Brooks, John T.
Brown, Irvin C.
Brown, William B.
Brownlee, Sterling P., Jr.
Bryant, Carlisle L.
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Byers, Samuel S.

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Carter, John W.
Catlett, Charles W.

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Chambon, Carl M.
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Chernenkoff, Andrew I.
Chestnut, John S.
Chetham, Alfred H.
Childs, Elmer F.
Ching, Wah Choy (L)
Christensen, Roy A.
Chu, Samuel W.
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Clark, Dillard S.
Clark, James C.
Clark, Loren A.
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Clasby, James W.
Clawson, Roy N.
Clay, Dr. Wesley B.
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Coburn, Charles E.
Coker, Jack H.
Cole, Clarence G.
Cole, John G.
Collins, Irid W. (L) P.M.
Cooper, Amos J.
Cooper, Chauncey F.
Cooper, Joseph D.
Corson, Robert M. (L)
Corum, Reginald H.
Corum, Reginald M.
Corvi, John L. (L)
Cosmos, John
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Crawford, Lindsay A.
Crowe, Milton E.

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Danielson, Herbert C.
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Darby, Wade M.
Davidson, Robert M.

Davidson, Willis
 Davis, Fillmore E.
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 Decker, Archie C.
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 DeSouza, Carl (L)
 Deuel, Norman D.
 Dewar, Frank M. (L)
 Dewar, Leslie L.
 de Zeeuw, John
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 Doobrow, Mordy
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 Duncan, Ira L.
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 Dunn, Harry T.
 During, William H.

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Eagerton, Louie F.
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 Edgemon, John W., Sr.
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 Edwards, Ambrose F., Jr.
 Edwards, Robert W., Jr. (L)
 Eichler, F. J.
 Eikeberg, Karl
 Elliott, Robert D.
 Ellis, Lowell J.
 Elsen, Arlo B.
 Elsen, Elmer F. (L) P.M.
 Elwood, Fred D.
 Engberg, Floyd A. (L)
 Engelhardt, Herman L. (L)
 Erickson, Gustav E.
 Estarzau, George R.

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Fairclough, Theodore R.
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 Ferguson, Allen E.
 Fernandes, August G.
 Fish, Clair B.
 Fitch, Chloral H. M.
 Fleet, Looman, O.
 Fleming, Thomas W.
 Ford, Robert S.
 Forsyth, Donald B.

Franklin, Benjamin C.
 Franklin, Charles F.
 Frates, H. Walter
 Freije, Eugene A. (L)
 Freije, Fred G.
 Fronmuller, Theodor C.
 Frost, Chester L.
 Fuller, Donald

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Gaillac, Eugene S.
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 Gearhardt, Joseph
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 Geha, Richard M. (L)
 Geha, William (L) P.M.
 Gerald, Laurence E.
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 Gimbal, Leroy M.
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 Godfrey, Darrell E.
 Goedeck, Preston E.
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 Gotelli, Lawrence H.
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 Graham, Andrew G. (L) P.M.
 Graves, Melvin L. (L) P.M.
 Gray, James L. (L)
 Green, Otto G.
 Greenlees, John S.
 Greenwell, Stout D.
 Greer, Daniel W.
 Gregor, Lyman W.
 Griffith, John E.
 Griswold, Burton R. (L) P.M.
 Gulley, Clarence K. (L)
 Gulley, Melville E.
 Gustafson, Clarence A.

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Hagen, Carl E., Jr.
 Hansen, Henry H. (L)
 Hanson, Kenneth E.
 Harmon, Neil S. (L) P.M.
 Harris, Floyd L. (L)
 Hartmann, Robert D.
 Hartt, Albert O. (L)
 Hassell, Norman E.
 Hayes, James F.
 Hays, Dorsey P.
 Head, Leslie R.
 Healy, John E.

Heberling, Clifford E.
 Hedlund, Stuart (L) P.M.
 Hendrickson, Milton (L) P.M.
 Henning, Paul M.
 Herbert, William C.
 Herleman, Ralph H. (L)
 Herlemann, Russell F.
 Hermie, Lt. Gen. Leo D. (L)
 Higuera, Albert
 Hill, Albert E.
 Hill, Harold T.
 Hill, Jay T. P.M.
 Hill, Robert L.
 Hill, William W.
 Hilton, Ralph H.
 Hobbs, Derrell F. (L)
 Homer, Glenn A.
 Honnell, George R.
 Horgan, William (L) P.M.
 Horne, George L.
 Howard, Charles P. (L)
 Howe, James E., Jr.
 Huddleson, Derrol E.
 Huddleson, Edwin E. (L)
 Huddleson, Edwin E., Jr. (L)
 Huddleson, Joseph L. (L)
 Huggins, Albert E.
 Hull, Lynn E.
 Hunt, Chester R., Jr.
 Hunt, Everett L.
 Hunter, Leland F. (L)
 Hyde, Wallace E. (L)

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Illiff, John L.
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 Isackson, Henry W.

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Jackson, Jay H.
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 Jarrell, Willard R.
 Johnson, Artis R.
 Johnson, Bly
 Johnson, Eugene H.
 Johnson, J. Allen
 Johnson, Henry E.
 Johnson, Robert L.
 Jonas, Irving (L)
 Jones, Burl O.
 Jones, H. Truxtun (L)
 Jones, Robert H.
 Jordan, Harold R.

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 Kendrick, John W., Jr.

Kenville, Cyril P.
 Kester, Frank B.
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 Khoury, Edward N.
 Kilbourne, Wm. H.
 Kincaid, George (L)
 King, Albert E., Jr.
 Kitto, Charles W. (L)
 Kitto, William J. (L) P.M.
 Klippel, Edgar
 Kolb, Lloyd C.
 Koulouris, George (L)
 Krattiger, George J.
 Kroell, Fred E.
 Kurtz, Ralph A. (L) P.M.
 Kushner, Dr. Edward I.
 Kwart, LCdr. Philip, USN

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 Landis, John G.
 Landre, Lester H. (L) P.M.
 Laney, Howard S.
 Laney, Joseph C., Jr.
 Lapham, Norman H.
 Larkins, Harry E.
 Lawrence, Harry M. (L)
 Lawrence, Joseph
 Layton, Dr. Elmer, DDS (L)
 Lee, Harry J.
 Lee, Joseph S.
 Lee, Dr. Leslie C.
 Leffler, Richard A.
 Lehfelddt, Erick
 Lehman, Fred C.
 Lewis, Franklin
 L'Heureux, Raymond C.
 Lester, Milford B.
 Linden, Bernard H. (L)
 Lindsten, Axel E.
 Littlejohn, Walter
 Lloyd, Franklin R.
 Lobello, Nicholas F.
 Loft, Soren S.
 Lomax, William C.
 Longo, Lorain N.
 Looman, C. Chester (L)
 Lorenzana, David D.
 Lower, Harry, Jr.
 Lower, Jack C. (L)
 Loyd, Gardie M.
 Ludington, John
 Lundy, Donald R.
 Lynch, Edward F.

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 McClenaghan, Louis R.
 McCuan, Harley D.
 McCullough, James T.
 McDaniel, Patrick W.
 McDonald, Eugene H.
 McGee, Cecil
 McHugh, Lawrence W.
 McKenzie, William H., Jr.
 McKinnie, Charles E. (L)
 McLaughlin, Eugene R.
 McLin, Charles M.
 McLin, Lee N.

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Marian, Lewis R.
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 Marriott, William E.
 Martin, Frederick E.
 Marvin, Leon F.
 Mason, Robert B.
 Matthews, Raymond E. (L)
 Matthews, William E.
 Mattis, George
 Mecca, Richard R. (L)
 Mehrwein, Clarence W.
 Meister, Frederick J.
 Menderson, Thomas K.
 Messer, Everett L.
 Michel, Adolph
 Miller, Edgar G.
 Miller, George R., Jr.
 Miller, Roy J.
 Miller, Roy J., Jr.
 Mock, Lloyd A.
 Mock, Spencer N.
 Moffitt, Philip J.
 Mohr, Henry C. (L)
 Molho, Rene
 Moore, Bob L.
 Moore, Leo B. (L)
 Moose, Edward H. (L)
 Morgan, Justin T.
 Morris, Donald G.
 Morris, Norman W.
 Morris, William E.
 Morrissey, George F., Jr.
 Morrow, J. A. F.
 Mosher, James N.
 Murphy, Donald J.

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 Nelson, John H. L.
 Nelson, Lyle T.
 Nelson, M. M.
 Nelson, Marcus F.
 Nelson, Warren E.

Nesbitt, George L. (L)
 Neukirch, Carl V.
 Neville, Walter G.
 Nicklasson, Richard
 Nikkari, Leo J.
 Norby, Haakon
 Norman, James L.
 Norris, Carl H.
 Norton, George J. (L) P.M.
 Nourse, Lester R.
 Nutting, Wm. H., Jr. (L) P.M.

O

Oates, Lester W. (L)
 O'Brien, Charles A.
 Oldman, George B.
 Olkkola, Kauno K.
 Olsen, Leslie J.
 Olsen, Oliver H.
 Oslin, Carl
 Owen, Harold R.
 Owens, John A.

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Pace, Rolland A.
 Pagones, George C.
 Palmer, Frank E.
 Parker, Elijah A.
 Parry, William J. (L)
 Patterson, John E.
 Pattee, Calvin B., D.D.S.
 Paviger, Joseph
 Pearce, Buford L.
 Pearce, Robert H.
 Pearl, J. Gordon
 Pedersen, I. P. (L)
 Peoples, Ross D.
 Pepares, Lanthey P.
 Perkins, George C. (L) P.M.
 Perkins, Glenn (L)
 Perry, Andrew J., Jr.
 Perry, Clarence A.
 Peske, Otto F.
 Peters, Harvey S., Sr.
 Petersen, Fred A. (L)
 Petersen, Marinus P.
 Peterson, Carl
 Peterson, Frank E.
 Peterson, John A.
 Peterson, John Richard
 Petray, Dr. Henry C.
 Petrocelli, George J. (L)
 Philo, Elvin R.
 Pierce, Elmer J.
 Pittman, James G.
 Pius, Leon N.
 Piva, Ernest N.
 Ponsetti, Charles (L)
 Poole, Lee E.
 Popplewell, Leroy
 Porter, D. Lee.

Powell, Stanley (L)
Price, Edward B.
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Prusso, Everett E.
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Quintanal, Gus R.

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Rees, Arthur T.
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Reid, Aubrey L.
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Richmond, Thomas, M.D.
Riis, Hans J.
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Robertson, Harte E. (L) P.M.
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Robinson, Jack W.
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Roblin, Raymond C.
Rock, Fred W.
Rogers, Albert E.
Rogers, Ted E.
Rogers, Thomas J.
Romley, George S.
Ross, Paul B.
Ross, Robert N.
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Rothe, Henry M.
Rowe, Walten D.
Rowse, Albert
Ruuth, George U., Sr.
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